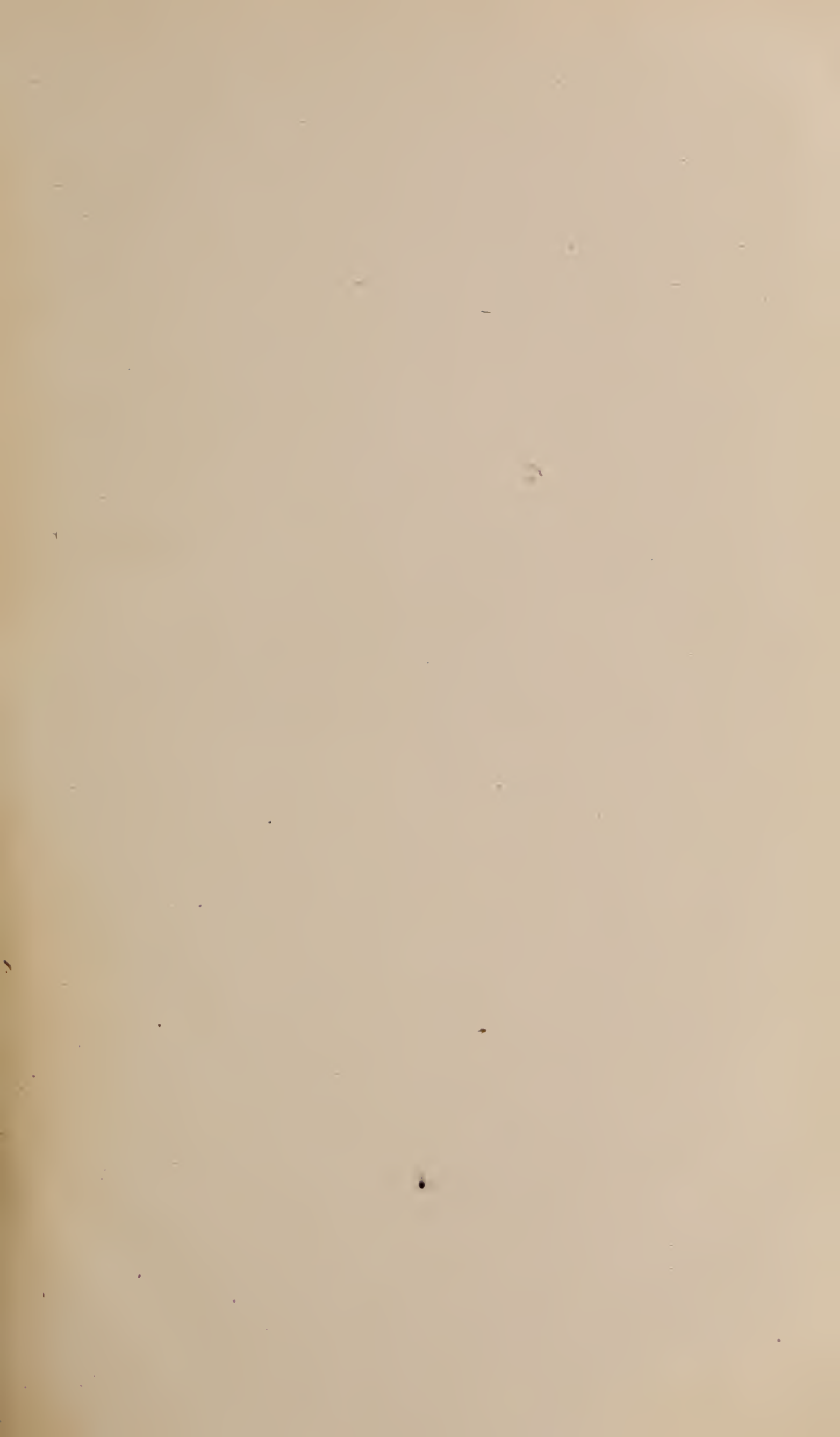
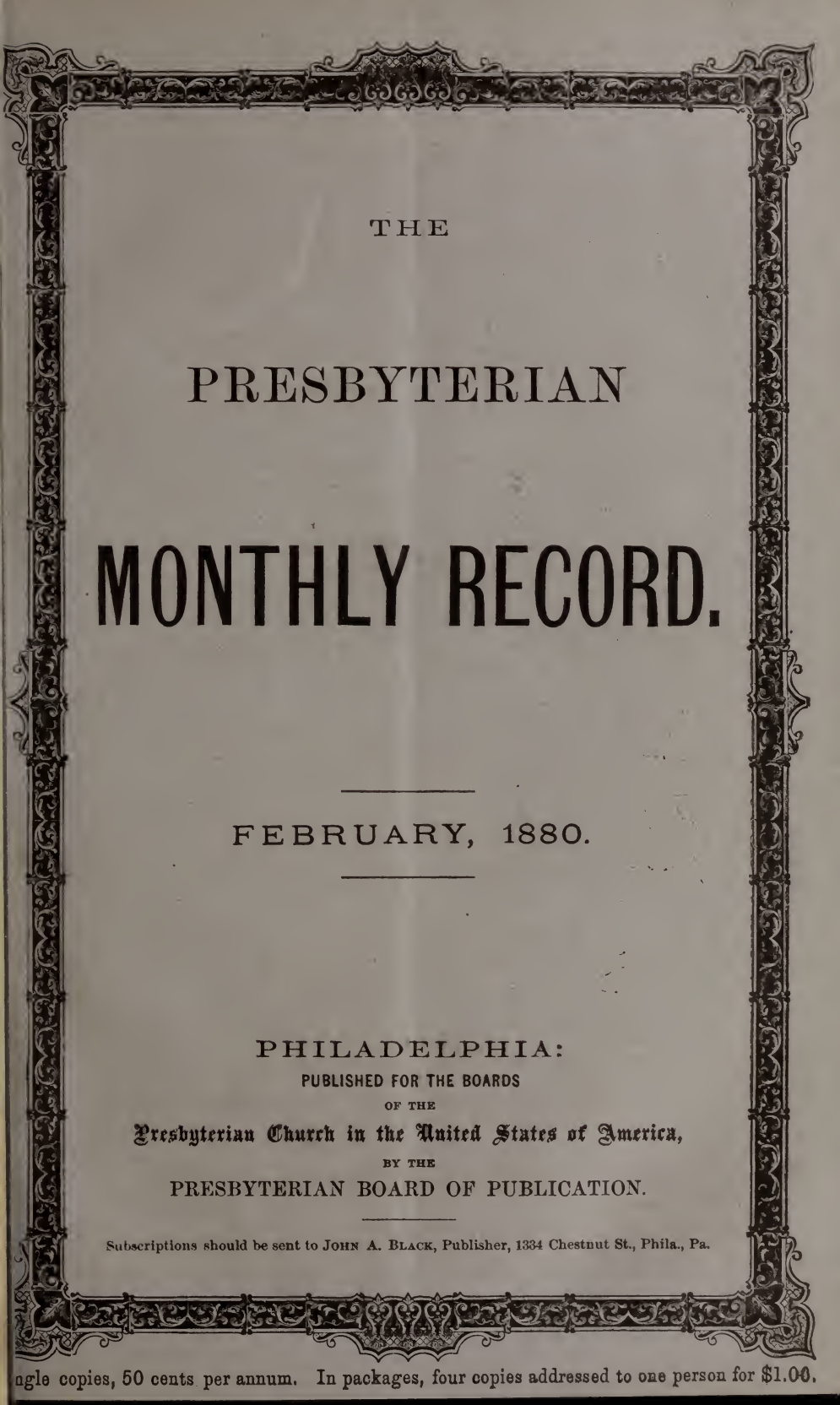


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1. Foreign Missions, January.
2. Sustentation, March.
3. Publication, May.
4. Church Erection, July.
5. Ministerial Relief, September.
6. Education, October.
7. Home Missions, November.
8. Freedmen, December.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

ALEXANDER STUART.

Alexander Stuart, late of the firm of R. L. & A. Stuart, has passed away since the last number of the *Record* was prepared. Mr. Stuart was a generous giver to the poor and to all the interests of the Church. He and his brother—for their benefactions were usually given jointly—gave largely, with wise discrimination, and without ostentation. Many a church, loaded down with debt, has appealed to them for relief, and have had their burdens removed; many a minister, in debt or distress, has gone from their doors rejoicing with timely and ample aid. Institutions of learning, particularly Princeton College and Seminary, have shared largely in their benefactions. For the last several years their donations to this Board have been \$25,000 annually. When such helpers fail, the Church may naturally inquire, Who will rise up and take their places?

GROWTH IN THE WEST.

It is very difficult for the people at the East to realize the increase of population, the progress of settlement, the development of the material resources of the country, the demand for missionaries and missionary labor at the West. See what has been accomplished in certain new sections of the West, and what may be anticipated for the year to come. Take the following:

“1. *Dakota* is filling up with an excellent and enterprising people. Two years ago it had but two Presbyterian churches; now it has twenty-one.

“2. *Nebraska and Kansas*.—Into these two States a marvellous tide of people has been pouring the last two or three years. New lines

of railway have been built, and many new towns. Twenty new churches have been organized in Nebraska during the year."

The synodical missionary writes :

"The quarter just closed furnished your Board the following results as to work accomplished : The organization of seven (7) new churches, as follows :

Oct. 26.	St. Paul, Howard Co.,	with 13 members.
Nov. 2.	Olivet, Franklin Co.,	" 21 "
" 3.	Republican City, Harlan Co.,	" 13 "
" 16.	Niobrara, Knox Co.,	" 17 "
Dec. 3.	Blue Springs, Gage Co.,	" 18 "
" 7.	Pleasant Hill, Saline Co.,	" 16 "
" 21.	Dakota City, Dakota Co.,	" 13 "
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or an average of 16 members for each church. You will notice that we are organizing no *weakling* churches. We used to organize with six or eight members ; now rarely with less than a dozen.

"These churches are all well located. St. Paul, Niobrara, and Dakota City are county seats. Republican City and Blue Springs are railroad towns, and are growing rapidly. Olivet and Pleasant Hill are in good agricultural districts, where there is plenty of material and ample room to grow.

"Six new ministers introduced and set to work on as many different fields, viz., E. L. Dodder at Wahoo ; George Williams at Niobrara ; George T. Crissman at Kearney ; A. M. Tanner at Beaver City ; A. L. Loder at St. Paul ; and Henry Wilson at Dakota City. These brethren are all well fitted to their places, and will be a most valuable acquisition to our working force.

"The work of enlargement will go forward through the months to come. The coming year will doubtless witness a larger emigration and a greater development of our resources than the past year. New towns are springing up all along our new railroads, and we must enter in and possess them for Christ and his church."

Twenty-six churches have been organized in Kansas during the past year, making the entire number in that Synod more than 275. The synodical missionary says if he could have the men and the means he could undoubtedly organize a promising church every week the next year.

"3. The *Indian Territory* is said to be all ripe for the harvest. New developments, and a new spirit of inquiry among the people, make it necessary to act at once. The synodical missionary appeals earnestly for four men, and says, 'Rather than know that there is an open door for work among the Indians, and a Macedonian cry that is unheeded, I would leave my appropriate work and beg money for their support, or

do anything to send them the gospel.' The Indian work in *Alaska*, *Washington Territory*, and wherever else we may have it in charge, is equally encouraging.

"4. Two or three railroads are penetrating *New Mexico*. The people are waking up. New comers are flocking in, and the spirit of religious inquiry is giving great encouragement to the missionaries.

"5. *Colorado* has scarcely ever seen a year of greater prosperity. New railways are penetrating the new mining districts, and sweeping over to the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Multitudes, eager for gold, are rapidly gathering there, and must be met with the messages of the gospel.

"6. From amidst the darkness of Mormonism in *Utah* a missionary writes: 'The outspoken sentiments of President Hayes in his message, the alleged connection of the Mormons with the outbreak of the White River Utes, the recent decision here of Chief Justice Hunter, throwing second wives out of court, the coming in of outside capital, the progress of mining interests, the extension of railroads, and the increasing strength of the Christian churches and schools, all go to show that an auspicious era is beginning to dawn on this territory.'

"7. *Montana* has long been famous for its mining interests, but now claims to be one of the most attractive regions for grain-growing and grazing. The Pacific Railway is approaching in two directions, and the Utah and Northern in another, and large numbers of people are making their homes there.

"Once more the far-off country, as it was then esteemed, where Dr. Whitman and Mr. Spalding, and their heroic wives, went more than forty years ago to carry the gospel to the Flathead Indians, has now been discovered to be one of the best wheat-growing sections of the world. People are pouring into it in advance of the railways that are approaching it. The Idaho Presbytery, which embraces this Territory, are pleading for more men, to divide with them the labors, responsibilities, and rewards of the work."

THE DEMAND FOR MEN.—It is manifest, from the foregoing statement, that we shall need to make heavy demands on the graduating classes of our theological seminaries next spring to fill all the promising, difficult, and distant fields that will be appealing to us for aid. The men can be found to go—good and true men—if they can be sure of a support.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION.—Can the Church be depended on to raise a sufficient amount to meet the increasing demands of our work? More work must be done if we enter every open door, and how else can we bring this land to Christ? Can our Church fail in so vital a matter as this? Two years or more we have been in debt. But now the Lord has given the country prosperity. If all the churches will promptly come to our aid (there are but two months more of this fiscal year) we can go forward boldly and achieve great things for the Master. Let the people of God awake to this call.

“PARKER, SOUTH DAKOTA.

“I have just about completed my little dwelling-house here in Parker. Its size is eighteen by twenty feet, one story, built of boards and paper, at a cost of \$150. We expect to plaster next year. I have paid out very little money for labor—the members of our churches and I have done the work—but the material I had to buy. Moving my family out, paying freight on my household goods, and building, with other necessary expenses, have brought me in debt about \$150. On this account I am constrained to ask the Board, if consistent with justice to others, to grant me a full quarter’s salary, and carry the overdrawn account to the last quarter. I dislike very much to go in debt; did not expect my building to cost so much—kept my family with our friends in the East to get something to make a start here on—could not rent, and had to build or board. It will be a great accommodation if you can allow the full quarter, and also if you will send the amount as soon as convenient, that I may pay the men who have accommodated me with material.

“As to the work here, I enjoy it. I have been a comfort to many poor and lonely persons since I came. Many of them appreciate the gospel, and it warms my heart to find the few widely-scattered Christians trying to build up the kingdom of the Lord in this new country. It is hard work—in many respects discouraging work—but it is a very important work. I hope this winter that many that are not Christians will be brought to Christ. Everybody is so very busy, so much for every one to do in getting fixed in their homes, that in the working season it is almost impossible to induce them to stop and think of religion; but I hope it will be different in the long winter that is coming on. I hope the Lord will make me the instrument of carrying the gospel to many souls this winter. We need the prayers of all Christian people in our work out here on the frontier. Covetousness, Sabbath-breaking, and intemperance are here before us, and meet us on every hand, undisguised, bold, and defiant, and we need God’s presence to assist us in laying the foundation of the gospel deep and wide in this broad land. May the Lord help us to do the good work. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

“JAS. B. CURRENS.”

“NORTH DAKOTA, GRAND FORKS.

“During the quarter I have preached three times and ridden an average of fifteen miles almost every Sabbath. Have preached twice here and once at one of three out-stations. The railroad has reached us at last, and with a rush of immigration—settlers of all classes, professions, and businesses, and of all denominations as well. Among them we are receiving our share; but the most that come here need help more than they are able to help financially. Another year will doubtless see wonderful changes. I trust we shall not need to ask another dollar from the Board, but will, on the contrary, be able to repay much of what has been received.

“My out-stations are very encouraging points, the attendance averaging about fifty, all farmers, just beginning. Some have had one crop,

but most have had none yet. I do not think we can appreciate enough the richness of this wonderful valley and the importance of planting churches all over it, whenever the least encouragement offers.

"H. R. Bishop, Esq., was here this summer, and gave me a very pleasant visit. Went with me in my work, and appeared pleased with one of our Scotch settlements. He very generously gave us one hundred hymn books—a beautiful present. He expects to come out again next summer.

"Our Forest River and Turtle River churches have been on the standstill. I was not able to visit them once during the quarter. One week ago Rev. W. H. Johnson, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., came to take charge of these churches.

"A new and extensive region is opening for immigration and home mission-work on beyond. West of us the railroad is pushing toward Fort Totten, on Devil's Lake. Settlements are springing up in advance of the railroad, and I have already had repeated invitations to go out and give the people the gospel, but have not been able to respond to the call. We need a man there very much.

"Fisher's Landing has become a place of considerable importance, and wants a minister. Most of the people surrounding are Scotch-Canadians, trained in the Presbyterian church. Shall they have a Presbyterian minister or one of some other denomination? In this new country, where gospel privileges are so scarce, there is not much choice—the people will take up with the earnest man of any name.

"Trusting the Lord will bless you and aid you in your arduous and great work for the churches, I remain,

"Yours sincerely,

F. W. IDDINGS."

"HASTINGS, NEB., *November 26, 1879.*

"My field of labor is at Hansen Presbyterian Church, Kearney Presbytery. I came here in August, and we organized soon after I came, with forty-one members. This was the only field assigned me. There will be an addition to membership at our first communion season, which will be not far hence. The attendance at this church has increased. I have an average attendance of sixty, and in the Sabbath-school an average of fifty. The Sabbath-school has increased in attendance at least one-half. Last year this time it was closed for the winter season, or, in other words, it froze out; but this winter we propose to keep it alive and have a larger attendance than during the summer months. I have an appointment east of Hansen Church, where I preach regularly every two weeks. Average attendance here, sixty. A union Sabbath-school. The people in general are inclined toward Presbyterianism, and we have the largest audience. I also preach northwest from Hansen each alternate Sabbath. Average attendance, seventy; Sabbath-school, twenty-five. I also preach twenty-one miles northeast from Hansen. Average attendance, sixty. These are all new fields which I have worked up since I came here, except Hansen. Also preach each alternate Sabbath ten miles southeast from this latter place. Average attendance, seventy.

This field I am in hopes soon to give over to a new man who is to come there. I am also looking after four other new fields, but as yet have not been able to give them any preaching.

“Yours most truly, P. A. WESSELS.”

“MOUND CITY, Mo., December 30, 1879.

“DEAR BROTHER:—I should have sent this report a month ago—as the second quarter of this missionary year closed with November—but I have been so busy with Sunday-school and other work that it has been delayed.

“I have nothing of very special interest to report, except that work has been commenced on a branch railroad through Mound City, and will be finished by May 1, 1880. The town has already felt its influence, and will grow next year faster than ever.

“Craig has not grown much lately, but a gradual incoming of new farmers, together with the rise in prices, has made money more abundant, and business of every kind is looking up. Our work has gone forward regularly, and I have filled all my appointments at both places, and at the neighboring school-houses. Congregations have been fair, and I think I can see a deepening spiritual interest in many of those who hear the word. We have lately dismissed some of our best working members from Craig, to be helpers in churches in Kansas, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. There are several others there who will doubtless join us by letter, and many whom we hope to see shortly accepting Christ. We are looking forward to the next two months as harvest time. Have been trying to make this month preparatory in all our services. We are trying now especially to start with our whole force in the Sunday-school work and Bible study with the new year. The beginning of a new seven-years' course of study with the Life of Christ seems to be favorable to spiritual work, and we shall try to take the fullest advantage of it. We shall have meetings in Mound City through the week of prayer, and probably continue them, following with meetings at other points as long as may seem best.

“My salary is paid now in monthly installments, and though all do not come up to it yet, it seems to work best for all concerned. We shall try to take collections for the Boards at our quarterly communions hereafter, calling attention to it by circular, and asking those not present that day to hand their contribution to the pastor. We have received enough for home missions already to be sure that we will do more than ever before. Our contribution will certainly cover my last quarter's salary, and probably more.

“Our ladies have had a sewing society in Mound City for some time, culminating with a fair and festival last week. From the proceeds altogether, for the past six months, they now have about \$200 on hand, to make some much-needed improvements in the church.

“We are now using about one hundred Westminster Quarterlies in our Sunday-schools, besides other lesson helps and papers for every Sunday. Hope to do more and better Sunday-school work than ever

before. One thing about the field seems remarkable. In the two and a half years I have been here, out of more than one hundred members, not one has been taken away by death; yet I have conducted over thirty funeral services for others in the same time. Truly we have occasion to be thankful, and we are.

“Trusting that in my next report I may be able to tell of many souls converted, in and around Craig and Mound City, I remain,

“Yours fraternally,

DUNCAN BROWN.”

“McCUNE, CRAWFORD Co., KANSAS, *January 2, 1880.*

“I am very thankful that my health has been preserved, and that I have been able to preach every Sabbath during the last quarter. There are manifestations of the Spirit’s presence in my congregations under the regular preaching of the gospel. An elderly woman—a wife and mother—was admitted last Sabbath, at our communion at Monmouth. Her baptism and public profession had a good effect upon the congregation. Her daughter may soon follow her in this important step. I am more and more persuaded that the faithful, continued preaching of the gospel in its doctrinal consistency has a deeper and wider effect than present results show. To lay solidly and wisely the foundations of the church is what the brethren under your commission are now doing. I have discovered that for a number of weeks after the corn is planted that its growth for the most part is under the surface. This growth consists in throwing out root-feeders to nourish the stalk. When the stalk begins to show its joints, strong, bracing roots are shot out a little above the surface in all directions. These are larger and more numerous in this windy country than in the hill country of the East. The reason is apparent. The stalk must have support as well as nourishment. Now it is ready for tassel and silk; then, under these sunny heavens, with genial showers, the big ears appear, and even shoot out beyond the husk. The church must be nourished, and her spiritual life supported. Essential gospel truth supplies both the feeding and supporting which that life require. It is so important that this feeding and supporting be largely supplied in these new states—over these vast, fertile plains which are being populated with unprecedented and amazing rapidity—for it is here that false doctrine, heresy, and various forms of infidelity sweep forward with the drift of immigration. These opposing forces have more latitude and fewer obstacles in these new states than in older states. There the church is grounded, and her families and members are protected by the environments which her institutions, by reason of age, have provided. I see the exposure of the families and members of these little churches. They realize little moral support in the society around them. They are isolated from each other. They are, severally considered, brought more in contact with the wicked and unbelieving than with themselves. To them the enemy comes in a thousand ways. Some of them hear their own minister every week, many every two weeks, many every four weeks, and that for one hour. How important to them is that hour! and how important should the gospel message of that hour be made! Would to God that our beloved

church would treble the number of home missionaries this year in the West.
REV. W. B. MCKEE."

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1879.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany West End, 2 25; Amsterdam 2d, add'l, 5; Gloversville, 47 41; Kingsboro', 200; Schenectady 1st (125 of which from Pastor's Aid Society), 223 14. *Champlain*—Mineville, 6. *Columbia*—Hillsdale, 6 18. *Troy*—Troy 9th, 13 63; Troy Mt. Ida Memorial, 13 48; Waterford, 17 28. 534 37

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Ashland, 20; Baltimore Brown Memorial, 66 48; Baltimore Westminster, a member, 5; Taney Town, 40. *New Castle*—Lower Brandywine, 5 45; Middletown Forest, 24; Pitt's Creek, 11 25; Port Penn, 25; Red Clay Creek, 46; Wilmington Central (sab-sch.), 13 36; 145 67; Wilmington Hanover Street, a member, 50. *Washington City*—Hermon, 4; Washington Assembly, 43 50; Washington Western (42 69 from Young People's Miss'y Society), 114 88. 601 23

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Waverly, 40; *St. Lawrence*—Hammond, 35; Heuvelton, 13 47; Rossie, 3 79; Watertown 1st, 210 89. *Syracuse*—Onondaga Valley, 6 85. *Utica*—Clayville, 10; Oneida, 175; Rome, 33 77; Utica 1st (sab-sch.), 115 69; 367 64; Utica Westminster (in part), 112; Westerville, 39; West Utica, 60. 1107 41

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Greenland, 4 05; Hillsboro', 87 60; Salem, 60 88; Union, 6 60. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 1st, 20; Lebanon, 31 15; Madisonville, 3 40; Mason and Pisgah (sab-sch.), 5 85; 11 97. *Dayton*—Dayton 1st, 103; Franklin, 20; Gettysburg, 5; Monroe, 4 25; New Carlisle (sab-sch.), 1 17; 9 17; South Charleston, 24 47; Springfield 2d (in part), 75; Yellow Springs (Ladies' Society, 40 sab-sch.), 12; 104. *Portsmouth*—Hanging Rock, Pine Grove Furnace, 4; Red Oak, Young People's Society, 11 40. 585 94

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Chester sab-sch., 30; Cleveland 1st, 104; Cleveland 2d, 1000; Elio, 5; Guilford, 9; Orwell, 7 50; Rome, 2 47; South Cleveland sab-sch., 19 72; A friend of Missions, 2=21 72; Willoughby, 8 25; Cleveland Euclid Avenue Congregational Ch., from Rev. H. B. Eldred and wife, 2 50. *Mahoning*—Columbiana, 5 60; Ellsworth, 45 50; Hubbard, from Miss Kate Hall, 5; New Lisbon (sab-sch.), 15 10; 38 10; North Jackson, 5 11; Youngstown 1st, 86 17. *St. Clairsville*—Barnesville, 3 45; Bealsville, 8; Mt. Pleasant (sab-sch.), 13 25; 56 34; Powhatan, 4 50. *Steubenville*—Dennison, 15; Madison, 2 65; New Hagersstown, 7 60; Steubenville 2d, 100; Steubenville Old, 8; Still Fork, 5 20; Two Ridges, 15; Wellsville, 24. 1625 66

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Alamosa, 8; Cinicero, 6 75; Del Norte, 4; Denver 1st, 17th Street, 22 75; La Jara 1st, 1; La Jara 2d, 7 35. *Montana*—Deer Lodge, 3. 52 85

COLUMBIA.—*South Oregon*—Ashland, 9 00

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Beverly, 4 65; Middleport, 14; Rev. H. B. Scott and wife, 5. *Columbus*—Circleville 1st, 30 28; Lancaster, 14 80; London, 16; Lower Liberty, 5 25; Midway, 2; Mt. Sterling, 7. *Marion*—Ashley, 10 02; Brown, 8 01; West Berlin (sab-sch.), 5; 10 10. *Wooster*—Benton, 1 59; Berlin, 2 41; Canal Fulton, 10; Chippewa, 6 36; Haysville, 12; McKay, 4; Mansfield, 18 47; Millersburg, 12 25. *Zanesville*—Concord, 12; Granville (sab-sch.), 10; 78 10; High Hill, 3; Keene, 6; Martinsburg, 14 20; Mt. Vernon sab-sch., two classes, 2 50; Mt. Zion, 2; Norwich, 25; Zanesville 2d, 40 95. 377 94

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 1st, 32 13; Allegheny Central, 36 55; Allegheny Valley, 31 40; Bakerstown, 10 50; Bellevue, 7 50; Bridgewater, 5; Freedom, 6 05; Hiland, 2; Industry, 3; Tarentum, 15 50. *Butler*—Clintonville, 13; Middlesex, 9; Mount Nebo (sab-sch.), 9 35; 14 65; Pleasant Valley, 9 16; Portersville, 4; Summit, 3; Zelienople, 8 61. *Clarion*—Callensburg, 5; Greenville, 2 75; Leatherwood, 8 59; New Bethlehem, 4 69; Pisgah, 7; Shiloh, 3. *Erie*—Atlantic, 4 66; Belle Valley, 5; Cochranton, 10 57; Concord, 7 85; Erie Park, 200; Kerr's Hill, 6 75; Meadville 1st, 40; Meadville 2d, 30; Mercer 2d, 27; Pleasantville, 46 75; Springfield, 7 25; Sugar Creek, 10; Sugar

Creek Memorial, 5; Sunville, 7. *Kittanning*—Bethel sab-sch., 5; Giral, 3; Parker City, 10 25; Shrader's Grove, 6 13; Slate Lick, 25 45; Worthington (sab-sch.), 4 53; 29 89. *Shenango*—Clarksville, 58 07; Hopewell, 11; Little Beaver, 5; Neshannock, 48; Westfield (sab-sch.), 140, 163. 1014 70

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn 2d, add'l, 1; Oswaco, 3 82; Weedsport, 57 19. *Chemung*—Hector, 7; Horse Heads, 20 25; Rock Stream, 9. *Geneva*—Geneva 1st, 24 74; Ovid, 56 28; Seneca Castle, semi-annual collection, 10 60; Trumansburg, 32. *Lyons*—Newark, 39 60; Wolcott 1st (in part), 10. 271 48

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Big Spring, 105 44; Bloomfield, 11; Chambersburg Falling Spring (in part), 61 50; Duncannon (sab-sch.), 2 35; 14; Lower Path Valley, a member, 5; Mechanicsburg, 22; Middletown, 20 50; Shippensburg, 68; Silver's Spring, 9; Waynesboro', 11 44; Rev. R. McCachran, 10. *Huntingdon*—Alexandria (sab-sch.), 10; 89; Altoona 1st, 100; Altoona 2d, 62 07; Birmingham, 110; Huntingdon, 86 40; Little Valley, 7 50; Millintown, 81 15; Mt. Union, 12; Shade Gap, 9; Shirleyburg, 6; Tyronne, 19 86; Upper Tuscarora, 13 36; West Kishacoquillas, 110; Williamsburg, 24; Cedar Spring at Lost Creek, 21 80. *Northumberland*—Bloomsburg 1st, 43 95; Chillisquaque, 13 34; Grove, 33; Lewisburg sab-sch., 37 50; Mahoning, 50 75; Mifflinburg, 7 50; New Berlin, 4 47; New Columbia, 5; Sunbury, 44. 1329 52

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Atlanta, 2; Bloomington 1st, 21; Champaign (sab-sch.), 16 91; 100 50; El Paso, 12; Elm Grove, 1 50; Gilman (sab-sch.), 2; 20; Piper City, 8; Towanda, 4; Wapella, 2 50. *Peoria*—Deer Creek, 8 30; Eureka, 12 62; French Grove, 5; Galesburg, 209 75; Green Valley, 4; John Knox, 9; Peoria 1st, 30 03; Yates City, 4 10. *Schuyler*—Ebenezer, 13; Hersman, 4 50; Macomb, Ladies' Society, 5; Monmouth, 23 25; Mt. Sterling 1st, 32 25; New Salem, 9 25; Warsaw, 5; Wythe, 2. *Springfield*—Farmington, 8; Irish Grove, 2; Jacksonville Westminster, 100. 658 55

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 1st, add'l, 315 45; Chicago 4th, add'l (to be expended beyond the Missouri River), 552; Chicago, Jefferson Park, add'l, 5; Duntun, 20; Lake Forest (in part), 217 60; Peotone, 34; Ste. Anne 2d, 15. *Freeport*—Freeport 2d, 23 18; Marengo (sab-sch.), 7 75; 35 76; Middle Creek (sab-sch.), 14; 58; Warren, Ladies' Society, 10; Willow Creek, 17. *Ottawa*—Earlville, 7; Mendota, 24 41. *Rock River*—Hamlet, 9; North Hendersou (sab-sch.), 8; 20. 1363 40

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Butler, 20; Sparta, 46 80; Virden, 6 48; Rev. A. T. Norton, D.D., 4. *Carro*—Cairo, 18 25; Centralia, 10 35; Dubois, 3; Friendsville, 10; Gilead, 2 18; Golconda, 15; Richland, 4 41; Sumner, 2 50; Wabash, 4 02; Walnut Hill, 4 50; Rev. J. S. Davis, 1 89. *Mattoon*—Assumption, 3; Charleston (sab-sch.), 3 72; 35 75; Dalton, 6 75; Kaskaskia, 2 50; Moavequa, 2 50; Pana, 7 64. 211 52

INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Attica, 8; Crawfordsville 1st, 16; Delphi sab-sch., 14; Lexington, 17; Rockfield, 6; Rossville, 3. *Fort Wayne*—La Grange, 5; Lima, 5 26; Ossian, 20. *Logansport*—Bethel, 5; Hebron, 4 15; La Porte, 186 75; Mt. Zion, 2 25; Plymouth, 1 23; Remington, 5; Rochester, 1 35; Tassinong, 5; Valparaiso, 4 75. *Muncie*—Hartford City, 4; Hopewell, 6; Noblesville, 32; Wabash, 7 69. 359 43

INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Acton, 4 30; Bethany, 3; Greencastle sab-sch., 5; Indianapolis 12th, 13 02; Southport, 5 75. *New Albany*—Hanover, 42; Lexington, 2 61; New Albany 1st, 85; Oak Grove, 1 11; Seymour, 5 61. *Vincennes*—Princeton, Ladies' Society, 26 40; Smyrna, 4 20; Upper Indiana, 9 50. *White Water*—Greensburg, 76 61; Lawrenceburg (sab-sch.), 16 04; 21 13. 305 24

IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Linn Grove (Rev. T. A. Shaver, 5), 10; Mt. Vernon, 8 11; Richland Centre, 7 85; Vinton 1st, add'l, 15 63. *Dubuque*—

Dubuque 1st, 25; Pine Creek, 8. *Fort Dodge*—Carroll, 5; Grand Junction, 8 39; Scranton, 3. *Waterloo*—Holland, 12; Tranquility, 7 75. 110 73

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Afton, 14; Clarinda, 9 25; Council Bluffs, 41; Red Oak, 7 16; Walnut, 8. *Des Moines*—Chariton, add'l, 7 04; Des Moines, 25 65; Dexter, 3 25; Earlham, 3 25; English, 2 50; Garden Grove, 2 50; Leon, 5; Russell, 10. *Iowa*—Batavia, 2; Lebanon, 2; Winfield, 5. *Iowa City*—Crawfordsville (Mrs. G. W. Hays, 5), 10; Iowa City, 33; Scott, 3 25; West Liberty, 5. 198 85

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Florence, 11; Lyndon, 2; Osage City, 3; Quenemo, 6 53. *Highland*—Blue Rapids, 7 10; Nortonville, 2. *Neosho*—Fontana, 4 70; Fort Scott, 11; La Cygne, 1 25; New Chicago, 4 25; Oswego, 2 85. *Solomon*—Belleville, 3 50; Tabor, 2 50. *Topeka*—Fairmount, 1 50; Mulberry Creek, 4; Topeka 1st, 116 40. 183 08

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Frankfort, 24 05; Ludlow, 5; Sharpsburg, 3 10. *Louisville*—T. S. Anderson, Esq., 75. 107 15

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Clinton Street, 36 84; Brooklyn 1st, add'l, 96 43; Brooklyn Franklin Avenue sab-sch., 75; Brooklyn Green Avenue, 5; Brooklyn Lafayette Ave. (sab-sch., 450), 528; Brooklyn Throop Avenue, 32 72; New Brighton Calvary sab-sch., 40. *Nassau*—Islip, monthly concert, 2 05. 816 04

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Ann Arbor, 13 98; Detroit 1st (in part), 250; East Nankin, 5; Mt. Clemens, 45; Pontiac (Ladies, 20), 68 25; South Lyon, 52; Ypsilanti, 100. *Grand Rapids*—Grand Rapids Westminster, 60; Little Traverse, 3. *Kalamazoo*—Alamo, 3; Niles, 44 64; Three Rivers, 10 32. *Lansing*—Brooklyn, 6 50; Eckford, 9 89; Lansing 1st (10 from Mr. M. Heydenburk), 70 61. *Monroe*—Coldwater, 45 50; Quincy, 14; Tecumseh, 51. *Saginaw*—Bad Axe, 5 92; Fenton, 7 56; Flint, add'l, 12; North Burns, 4 71; Saginaw City, 150 51; Vassar, 21 86; West Bay City, 15 11. 1070 36

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Garden City, 80 cts.; Lake Crystal, 1 70. *St. Paul*—Minneapolis 1st (sab-sch., 9 81), 53 61; Minneapolis Andrew, 18; Minneapolis Westminster sab-sch., 9 14; St. Paul Dayton Avenue, 81 35; St. Paul House of Hope, 53 95. *Winona*—Preston, 10 28. 228 83

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Clinton (sab-sch., 5 50), 21 50; Ebenezer, 7; Greenwood, 4 60; Pleasant Hill (Children's Mission Band, 5), 10 08; Schell City, 2; Rev. J. H. Byers, a thanksgiving offering, 5. *Ozark*—Pleasant Valley, 1 25; Salem, 4 75; Trinity, 1 50. *Palmyra*—Hannibal 1st, 50; Salisbury, Ladies' Soc'y, 3; Shelbyville, 10. *Platte*—New Point, 5; St. Joseph Westminster, 2 60; Trenton, 3 50; Weston, 3 10. *St. Louis*—Emanuel, 15; Kirkwood, 25 93. 175 81

NEBRASKA.—*Kearney*—Overton, 5; Plum Creek, 5; *Nebraska City*—Hickman, 5; Simeon, 1 25. *Omaha*—Bellevue, 7; Clark, 5; Lyons, 5; Omaha 2d (Children's Mission Band, 20), 103 70. 136 95

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton 1st, 9 79; Cranford sab-sch. Miss'y Assoc'n, 16 67; Elizabeth 2d, 34 28; Elizabeth German, 6; Lanington, 85; Lower Valley, 17; Perth Amboy, 52 50; Plainfield 2d, 252 45. *Jersey City*—Jersey City 2d, 10; Norwood (Ladies' Society, 21 20), 31 20. *Monmouth*—Cream Ridge, 19; Freehold 1st, 12 38; Plumstead, 5. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 18 50; Madison, 19 02; Mendham 1st, 17 57; Morristown South Street, 997 86; Parsippany, 45; Rockaway, 89 33. *Newark*—Newark 1st, monthly concert collections, 35 75; Newark 2d, 39 19; Newark Central, 50; Newark Roseville, Ladies' Society, 92; Newark South Park, monthly concert collections, 17 35; Newark Memorial Chapel, 5 23. *New Brunswick*—Amwell United 1st, 12; Ewing, 188 71; Millford, 12; Trenton 1st, add'l, 600; Trenton 5th, 3 50; Trenton Prospect Street, 29 24. *Newton*—Blairstown, 50; Harmony, 22 30; Newton, 120. *West Jersey*—Pittsgrove, 38 25; Salem, 60 40; Waterford, 10. 3124 47

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Goodwill, 17 76; Liberty, 1 48; Mt. Hope, 11; Nyack, 16 31; Port Jervis, 30; Scotchtown, 3 61; Washingtonville 2d, 18. *New York*—Harlem 1st, add'l, 5; Mt. Washington, add'l, 300; New York Brick, add'l, 745; New York Brick Ch. Chapel, 36 38; New York, 20 60; New York Scotch, a member, 500; New York Washington Heights, 5;

New York 7th, 4 50; New York Fifth Avenue (in part), 6947 68. *North River*—Highland Falls sab-sch., 10; Lloyd, 6 64; Smithfield, 20; South Anemia, 70 11. *Westchester*—Bethany, 6 50; Hartford 1st, add'l, 46; Irvington, 267 20; Peekskill 1st (sab-sch., 80), 148 37; South Salem (Ladies', 26 29, sab-sch., 123), 189 43; Tremont 1st, 25; Yonkers Day Spring, 5. 9456 63

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Arcata, 12 40; Healdsburg, 5. *Los Angeles*—Colton sab-sch., 6 98; Pasadena, add'l, 2 85; San Gabriel Mission Band, 1 10; Westminster, 6 10. *San José*—Centreville (in part), 4; Gilroy, 15; Milpitas (in part), 6. 59 43

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Chester 3d, 103; Dilworthtown, 5; Doe Run, 7 12; Doe Run Valley, 2 88; Media, 10 50; West Chester, 42 22. *Lackawanna*—Montrose, 20; Scranton Green Ridge Ave., 17 60; Susquehanna Depot, 6; Troy, 13 30; Upsenville sab-sch., 9 39; Wysox, 10 55. *Lehigh*—Allentown, 75; Allen Township, 40; Catasauqua Bridge Street, 5; Lower Mt. Bethel, 6; Shenandoah, 2 50; Summit Hill (sab-sch., 90 cts., Jamestown sab-sch., 62 cts.), 4 94. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 9th, 53 86; Philadelphia 10th sab-sch., 12 78; Philadelphia Calvary, 872 76; Philadelphia Southwestern, 11 38; Philadelphia Walnut St. sab-sch., 176, Philadelphia West Spruce St. (in part), 125. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia Gaston, 14 65; Philadelphia Kensington 1st, 55; Philadelphia North, 44; Philadelphia, Princeton, 133; Philadelphia Spring Garden, 131 75. *Philadelphia North*—Bristol, 84; Carversville, 2; Falls of Schuylkill, 27; Frankford, 8 57; Germantown 1st, 572; Germantown 2d, 159 08; Newtown, 62 08; Norristown Central, 100 25; Plumsteadville, 3. *Westminster*—Bellevue, 15; Cedar Grove, 12; Leacock, 19 59; Middle Octocara, 8; Mt. Joy, 18; Slate Ridge, 10. 3111 75

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Braddock's, 17; Greensburg, 32 70; Harrison City, 2; Laird, 5; Ligonier, 12; Penn., 4 24; Pleasant Grove, 10. *Pittsburgh*—Bloomfield, 3; East Liberty, 50; Forest Grove, 14; Hazlewood, 28 05; Lawrenceville, 22 05; Mingo, 13; Mt. Pisgah, 9; Mt. Washington, 7; North Branch, 4; Pittsburgh 2d, 29 30; Pittsburgh 3d, add'l, 36; Pittsburgh Central, 178 64; Pittsburgh Grace, 1 20; Pittsburgh Shady Side, 55 21; Sharon, 10 76; West Elizabeth, 10. *Redstone*—Belle Vernon, 44 68; Brownsville, 19; George's Creek, 7; Laurel Hill, 54; Little Redstone, 5; Long Run, 34; Mt. Pleasant Reunion, 15 15; Pleasant Unity, 18 75; Sewickley, 6; West Newton, 31. *Washington*—Allen Grove, 5 05; Cross Roads, 24; Forks of Wheeling (sab-sch., 40), 181; Limestone, 2; Lower Ten Mile, 20; Pigeon Creek, 21 56; West Alexander Band of Hope, 6 13; Wolf Run, 1 35. *West Virginia*—Kanawha, 13 15; Kingwood, 6. 1068 97

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Mt. Bethel, 1; Unity, 2. *Kingston*—Mars Hill, 4; Maryville 2d, 1; New Providence, 5 63. *Union*—New Market, 9 55; Strawberry Plains, 4. 27 18

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine (Ladies, 15), 25 82; Buck Creek, 29; Bucyrus, 2 07; De Graff, 4 50; Kenton, 47 25; Rushsylvania, 7; Spring Hills, 2 97; Upper Sandusky, 8; Urbana, 17 42. *Huron*—Monroeville, 5; Norwalk, 75 06. *Lima*—Ada, 8 28; Columbus Grove (sab-sch., 5 19), 16 69; Kalida (L. II. McCormb, 5), 9 30; New Stark, 3. *Maumee*—Bowling Green, 10; Bryan, 21 79; Eagle Creek, 10; Grand Rapids, 5; Weston, 4. 312 15

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Alden, 8 25; Buffalo 1st, 150; Buffalo North (sab-sch., 75), 145 28; Tonawanda, 1; Tuscarora, 2; United Mission, 5; Westfield, 68 47. *Genesee*—Pike, 10; Warsaw, 130; Wyoming (sab-sch., 13 31), 24 40. *Genesee Valley*—Cuba, 32 33. *Niagara*—Knowlesville, 30. *Rochester*—Chili, 26 26; Lima, 4 81; Rochester 3d, 112 62; Rochester Brick, 168 86; Rochester Memorial, 11; Victor, 34. 964 78

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Hartland Egbert, 3 50. *Milwaukee*—Manitowoc 1st, 3; Milwaukee Immanuel, 126 66; Oostburg, 5; Waukesha, 17. *Winnipeg*—Oshkosh, 15. *Wisconsin River*—Douglass Centre, 1; Fancy Creek, 2; Kilbourne City, 10 89; Liberty, 2 89; Lodi, 30; Oxford, 7; Wyalusing, 3 50. 227 44

Ladies' Board of Missions, N. Y., 924 82

Total received from churches.....\$32,713 66

LEGACIES.

Joseph G. Brearly, deceased, late of Trenton, N. J., 1000; Peter Snyder, deceased, late of Red Creek, N. Y. (in part), 300; Parmelia Emerick, dec'd, late of Baldwinsville, N. Y., 250. 1,550 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Society of Inquiry of Union Theological Seminary, 7 90; J. B. Davidson, Esq., Newville, Pa., 5; Honoye Congregational Ch., N. Y., 29 75; "A Friend," 500; Mrs. M. Phelps, Lewistown, Ill., 50; Georgie Edwards, 10; Johnnie Edwards, 10; Mrs. L. A. Edwards, 20; Mrs. S. S. Forbes, Rochester, N. Y., 5; Miss Eliza Wheaton, N. Y. City, 5; Rev. S. H. Williams, Mooers, N. Y., 2; Rev. A. Baker, San Lozeno, Cal., 10; Princeton Seminary Theological Society, 36 04; Rev. Dr. G. S. Corwin, Cape May Point, N. J., 25;

Dr. W. N. Blakeman, N. Y. City, 100; Dr. J. B. Chapin and lady, Battle Creek, Mich., 5; T. L. Hoge, 1; Mrs. D. O. Calkins, 2; D. O. Calkins, 1; Miss Julia Calkins, 1; Mrs. Henry Phelps, 2; "S. M.," 20; Benjamin O. Canfield, Morristown, N. J., 25; Mrs. Rev. J. J. Buck, Glasco, N. Y., 10; Mrs. J. H. Symmes, Conshohocken, Pa., 1; Mrs. McAdam, Conshohocken, Pa., 50 cts.; James Topley, Vallejo, Cal., 5; O. J. Graysville, Pa., 50; "E. W.," Phila., Pa., 2; "Frederick, Md.," 1; Mrs. Austin Rogers, Cape Vincent, N. Y., 1; Sundry churches and individuals for Alaska, 669 85; "C.," Conn., 5; Gen. E. B. Babbitt, Portland, Oregon, 50; "A Friend," Jefferson City, Mo., 1; "H. I. F.," 10. 1,679 04

Total in December, 1879.....\$35,942 70

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RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN DECEMBER, 1879.

ALBANY.—Troy—Lansingburg Olivet sab-sch., 8 80; Waterford, 8 64.
BALTIMORE.—Washington City—Washington Assembly, 12. 12 00
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Utica—Westminster, 25 00; Westerville, 4. 29 00
CINCINNATI.—Chillicothe—Hillsboro', 5 00
CLEVELAND.—Cleveland—Cleveland 1st, 33 68; Rome, 61 cts. Steubenville—Wellsville, 13. 47 29
COLUMBUS.—Columbus—London, 14. Wooster—Fredericksburg, 12. 26 00
ERIE.—Erie—Jamestown ch., 4 00
GENEVA.—Lyons—Newark, 5 68
HARRISBURG.—Carlisle—Duncannon, 1; Harrisburg Westminster, 3 39; Waynesboro', 2 83. Huntingdon—Altoona 2d, 28 28; Birmingham, 18 65; Lower Spruce Creek, 7. Northumberland—Bloomsbury, 10. 71 15
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—Peoria—Peoria 1st, 7 34
ILLINOIS NORTH.—Freeport—Middle Creek, 7 00
ILLINOIS SOUTH.—Alton—Alton (sab-sch., 2 56); 7; Virden, 1 64. Mattoon—Pana, 1 91. 10 55
INDIANA NORTH.—Logansport—Plymouth, 31 cts.
Muscie—Noblesville, 2. 2 31
IOWA NORTH.—Dubuque—Independence, 5 28. Fort Dodge—Scranton, 3. 8 28
IOWA SOUTH.—Iowa City—Crawfordsville, 1 60
MICHIGAN.—Monroe—Coldwater, 4 00
MISSOURI.—Palmyra—Hannibal, 5; Louisiana, 10; Salisbury, Ladies' Society, 3. 18 00
NEW JERSEY.—Elizabeth—Clinton, 2 43. Mommouth—Tennent, 10. Morris and Orange—East Orange, 4 59; Madison, 4 71; Mendham 1st, 3 79; Orange 2d, 26 50. 52 02
NEW YORK.—Hudson—Goodwill, 4 40; Goshen, 17 24; Liberty, 36 cts.; Nyack, 3 29; Scotchtown, 89 cts. New York—Brick, 203 02. 229 20
PACIFIC.—Benicia—Arcata, 2 30
PHILADELPHIA.—Chester—West Chester, 8 79. Lehigh—Allentown, 20; Summit Hill (sab-sch., 22 cts., Jamestown sab-sch., 15 cts.), 1 20. Philadelphia Central—North, 16. Philadelphia North—Neshaminy Warminster, 4 50; Norristown Central, 10 25. Westminster—York, 167 13. 227 87
PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Ebensburg, 4. Pittsburgh—East Liberty, 45; Pittsburgh 2d, 5 86; Shady Side, 25 11. Redstone—Rehoboth, 11 65. 91 62
TENNESSEE.—Holston—Kingsport, 1 50
TOLEDO.—Bellefontaine—Bucyrus, 52 cts. Maumee—Bowling Green, 3. 3 52
WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Westfield, 5 45. Rochester—Lima, 1 19; Mt. Morris, add'l, 1; Rochester Memorial, 2. 9 64

Total received from the churches.....\$894 31

MISCELLANEOUS.

Princeton Seminary Theological Society, 8 65; Gen.

E. B. Babbitt, Portland, Oregon, 10. 18 65

Total in December, 1879.....\$912 96

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CLOTHING.

One box from the ladies of Goshen ch., N. Y., 100; 2 boxes from Indianapolis 2d ch., Ind., 105 75; 1 box from Rochester Calvary ch., N. Y., 150; 1 box from Hammondsport, N. Y.; 1 box from the ladies of Sewickley ch., Pa., 190; 1 box from the ladies of Salem ch., Ohio, 35; 1 box from Deep Run and Doylestown ch., Pa., 120; 1 box from the Ladies' Missy Society of Lowville ch., N. Y., 72; 1 box from the ladies of Erie Park ch., Pa., 184 49; 1 box from the ladies of Astoria, N. Y., 53 71; 1 box from Trenton Prospect Street ch., N. J., 190; 1 box from the ladies of Springfield 1st ch., Ill., 140; 1 box from the Ladies' Home Missy Society of Scranton 2d ch., Pa., 116 72; 1 box from the ladies of Beulah ch., Pa.; 1 box from the Woman's Missy Society of Madison 1st ch., Ind., 45; 1 box from the ladies of Ewing ch., N. J., 275; 1 box from the ladies of Baltimore 2d ch., 83; 1 box from the ladies of Greencastle ch., Pa., 94; 1 box from the ladies of Mendham 2d ch., N. J.; 1 box from the ladies of Dryden ch., N. Y., 40; 1 box from Fremont ch., Ohio, 165; 1 box from the ladies of Park Central ch., N. Y., 163 82; 1 box from the ladies of Albion ch., N. Y., 106 83; 1 box from the ladies of Rutgers ch., N. Y. City; 1 box from the ladies of Mt. Pleasant ch., Ohio, 127; 1 box from the ladies of Rochester Brick ch., N. Y., 212 70; 1 box from the ladies of Poland ch., Ohio, 65; 1 box from the ladies of Burlington ch., N. J., 23; 1 box from the Ladies' Missy Society of Gettysburg ch., Pa., 133; 1 box from the ladies of Plainfield 1st ch., N. J., 141 59; 1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Society of Baltimore 1st ch., 150; 1 box from the Ladies' Society of Shippensburg ch., Pa., 107; 1 box from the ladies of Watertown 1st ch., N. Y., 82; 1 box from the New Vernon ch., N. J., 57 75; 1 box from the Ladies' Home Missy Society of Princeton 1st ch., N. J., 260; 1 box from the ladies of Stamford 1st ch., Conn., 360; 1 box from the ladies of Peru ch., Ind., 58; 1 box from Newark Calvary ch., N. J., 143 19; 1 box from the ladies of Springfield 2d ch., Ohio, 90; 1 box from the Ladies' Missy Society of Westfield ch., N. Y., 67 43; 1 box from the Honie Missy Band of Walnut Street ch., Phila., 330.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS—Continued.

The next visit of the secretary was to Parsons College, in Fairfield, Iowa. This institution owes its name and origin to Lewis B. Parsons, Sr., who in his will directed his sons and executors to found a college and endow it with the property he had made by investments in government lands of that State, and put it under the control of the Presbyterians within its bounds. These provisions were carried out, and on the 24th of February, 1875, the college was founded and put under the care of the Synod of Iowa South. The buildings are located upon a campus of beautiful lawn and grove, about twenty acres in extent, on the outskirts of the city. It is open to both sexes, and now numbers 102 students in its three departments, Classical, Scientific, and Normal. Throughout the whole of the scientific and classical courses are taught the Histories of the Old and New Testament, "The Christ of History" (Young), "Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation" (Walker), "Evidences of Christianity" (Peabody), "Butler's Analogy," and "Superhuman Origin of the Bible" (Rogers). Thus it will be seen that this, like most of our Western colleges, imparts to its instruction a marked religious tone. In place of the lamented Dr. J. Armstrong, recently deceased, the Rev. E. J. Gillett, D.D., has been elected president, an erect and vigorous octogenarian, whom the secretary had the pleasure of hearing as he addressed Synod.

In this institution the Board has three students under its care. While here we had the privilege of addressing the students as a body, and of conferring privately with the candidates for the ministry, and of listening to the instruction given in the classes. All this college needs is funds for the enlargement of its cabinets and apparatus and library to make it what it deserves to be, and these funds the Synod is making an effort to raise. Success to them.

A break in the connection of the trains compelled a delay at Galesburg, Ill. This was improved for a visit to Knox College. A solid mass of 400 students, of both sexes, confronted the secretary as he entered the chapel at morning prayers. Here he was kindly received by the president, Hon. N. Bateman, LL.D., and presented to the room-full for a speech. After this he visited several of the recitation-rooms, and held conference with the candidates under care of the Board. Everything indicated a most flourishing condition. The various evangelical denominations were working together harmoniously here under the wise management of its honored and sagacious president, who is an elder

in the Presbyterian Church, and has closely at heart the religious interests of those under its care. The institution is now out of all its embarrassments, and appears to have entered upon a new career of prosperity. Its standard of instruction now is as high as that of most of our Eastern colleges, and every effort is making to put it equal with the foremost. The visit was unexpected pleasure, and largely due to the great courtesy of the president.

SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

I have just received the following letter from one of the presidents of our colleges, who is deeply interested in the advancement of the ministry, and I deem it too good to be hid away in our pigeon-holes. Several such have been received in our office of late, and would they could all be published. But let this be read as expressing the views of many earnest and observing minds who are carefully watching the drift of things from their high posts of observation. Some have called us alarmists, and consider that a part of our vocation, not meaning much. It will be seen that there are those who think we do not alarm enough :

“DEAR SIR:—Your statistics in the October *Record* do not make the case out as bad as it is. We have 477 more churches than ministers. But in the list of ministers there are 404 ‘H. R.’s’ and pastors ‘Emeritus,’ who are, of course entirely *hors de combat*. Then there are 756 teachers, foreign missionaries, editors, secretaries, and evangelists, who, it is to be presumed, are not available for the pastorate. Just what *evangelist* means I don’t know. This gives 1160 men who cannot take charge of churches. Add the 477, and we have 1637 more churches than available ministers. Consider now that since the reunion our churches have increased more than our ministers in every year except in 1875, 1876, and 1877. I think the prospect is as alarming as it well can be. But I could not make the men from the southern part of our Synod feel it at our meeting.

“Of course, many of our smaller churches must be held in plurality. That will be necessary any way, and it is highly desirable. But our population is swelling, spreading; immigrants are coming by the hundred thousands, now in this time of new prosperity. These foreigners will need more Christian work than those who have come in the past, if possible, for they are coming out of the hot-beds of Socialism, Nihilism, Materialistic Atheism, blank heathenism. We have got to Christianize them, as we believe in God, and love our country, and love lost souls.

“Now if the world is not opening to the gospel, and calling for it, and if there are not more signs of the rapid progress of the gospel than ever before, I don’t read aright. We may tremble over the dangers from Materialism and such like things, but that is all wasted anxiety. The kingdom is coming. If it comes slowly, it is because the Church is not up to the demands in faith, and work, and giving. I believe you have one of the most important parts in the work, and if you can stir up the

pastors and elders, and good fathers and mothers, to train up their sons for the ministry, now in this time when there is so much laxness in this work, you will do a grand work. I have talked to our Synod straight on the subject, and shall keep it before the Presbytery.

“Well, there is everything to be said for your special cause. The Home and Foreign Boards have got to depend on you, and wait on you. May God bless you and the work you have in hand.”

We commend the above to the thoughtful perusal of our ministers who have sent us no contributions this year.

A CASE OF REFUNDING.

The following letter received recently at the office exhibits something of that quality called “grit,” which it is pleasant to look at. It shows also how a student for the ministry, who holds himself ready for hard fields and poorly compensated services, feels when stung by imputations thoughtlessly and cruelly pointed at such as he by unthinking persons. Such imputations hurt some of the choicest spirits we have, and they are working to prevent young men from offering themselves for the sacred office, because, while unable to help themselves to an education, they are unwilling to be counted as “church paupers.” The men who after ten years of preparation will consent to work for \$500 per annum in building up our religious wastes, are not men to be sneered at as paupers or as mercenaries.

“DEAR SIR:—I enclose a money-order for fifty dollars (\$50) in favor of the Board of Education. I wish to have the amount set down opposite my name in full in the *Monthly Record*, so that I can point to this and other amounts which I hope to give as a refutation of the charge of pauperism which some are inclined to make against the beneficiaries of the Board.

“If it will not be too much work for you, I would like, too, a statement of the various sums I received from the Board, and the dates of my receiving them, beginning, I think, with the year 1866.

“I am a home missionary, without help from the Home Mission Board, having come here with the expectation of receiving \$150 a year from that Board, but was granted only \$100 the first year, and nothing at all in the succeeding years. Whether I shall ever be able, on a salary of but little more than \$500, to pay back all that the Board of Education has given me, is doubtful, but you can have the present \$50 as evidence of good intentions.”

The following extract from a letter just received at this office, we take the liberty of publishing. The writer evidently means business and is in earnest. We are always glad to furnish all the information in our power in relation to our work, and hope that the brethren will not be backward in asking for it :

"I want to present the claims of the Board of Education fully to my people. I have not been their pastor long, and I have reason to think that the claims of this Board, like some others, have never been presented to them, at least as fully as they should. I find the people here not illiberal, but illy informed as to our various boards and church work generally. Please furnish me with such facts and figures as ought to be made known to them."

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN DECEMBER, 1879.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Albany 2d, 215 15; Conklinville, 2. <i>Champlain</i> —Fort Covington, 8 76. <i>Troy</i> —Troy 9th, 5 41; Waterford, 8 64. 239 96	
BALTIMORE.— <i>New Castle</i> —White Clay Creek, 14 65.	
<i>Washington City</i> —Vienna Lewinsville, 3. 17 65	
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Deposit, 3 90; Smithville Flats, 5 40; Waverly, 27. <i>Syracuse</i> —Elbridge, 10; Marcellus, 25. <i>Utica</i> —Rome, 15. 86 30	
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Mason and Pisgah, 2 18. <i>Dayton</i> —Blue Ball, 7 75; Middletown, 15; South Charleston, 11 37. 36 30	
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland 1st, 37 82; Rome, 69 cts. <i>Mahoning</i> —Clarkson, 1 80; Middle Sandy, 2 50. <i>Steubenville</i> —Bethesda, 20; Carrollton, 6 73; Dell Roy, 8; New Cumberland, 5; Steubenville 2d, 30. 112 54	
COLORADO.— <i>Colorado</i> —Laramie City, 3 00	
COLUMBIA.— <i>Oregon</i> —Salem, 8 00	
COLUMBUS.— <i>Athens</i> —Rev. H. R. Scott, 5. <i>Columbus</i> —Bethel, 1; Bush Creek, 2 24; Columbus 2d, 21 29; Warren, 4. <i>Wooster</i> —Fredericksburg, 13. <i>Zanesville</i> —Fraseryburg, 5; High Hill, 3; Mt. Vernon, 10 50; Muskingum, 14 70; Putnam, 10. 89 73	
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Middlesex, 11; Plain Grove, 15; Pleasant Valley, 11 95; Scrub Grass, 11; Summit, 5; Westminster, 4. <i>Clarion</i> —Beech Woods, 10; Perry, 3 55. <i>Erie</i> —Greenville, 45 50. <i>Kittanning</i> —Cherry Tree, 4; Concord, 2; Giral, 3; Shrader's Grove, 4; West Glade Run, 5. 135 00	
GENEVA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Weedspport, 12 84. <i>Steuben</i> —Rev. L. F. Laine, 2 50. 15 34	
HARRISBURG.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg, Falling Spring, 30; Harrisburg, Westminster, 3 78; Lower Path Valley, from a member, 3, thank-offering of a member, 5 (8); Waynesboro', 3 19. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Milesburg, add'l, 2. <i>Northumberland</i> —Bloomsburg 1st, 18 90; Buffalo, 11 63; New Berlin Union, 3 11. 80 61	
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —Rossville, 6. <i>Peoria</i> —Brimfield, 5; Galesburg, 32 50; Peoria 1st, 9 39. <i>Schuyler</i> —Wythe, 2. 54 89	
ILLINOIS NORTH.— <i>Freeport</i> —Rockford, Westminster, 17 56. <i>Ottawa</i> —Streator Park, 3 09. 20 65	
ILLINOIS SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Plum Creek, 3 60; Sparta, 7; Virden, 1 81. <i>Cairo</i> —Enfield, 4 60; McLeansboro', 2 75; Sharon, 2 50. <i>Mattoon</i> —Pana, 2 13; West Okaw, 2 50. 26 89	
INDIANA NORTH.— <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Ossian, 3 15. <i>Logansport</i> —Kentland, 1; Mishawaka sab-sch., 1; Plymouth, 35 cts. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 72. 7 22	
INDIANA SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Franklin, 7 25. <i>New Albany</i> —Bethel, 1 53; Oak Grove, 1 25. <i>White Water</i> —Greensburg, add'l, 5. 15 03	
IOWA NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Mt. Vernon, 7 27. <i>Waterloo</i> —Albion, 2 65; Cedar Valley, 2. 11 92	
IOWA SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Clarinda, 7 57; Council Bluffs, 13 32. <i>Des Moines</i> —Russell, 5. <i>Iowa</i> —St. Peter's Evangelical, 10. <i>Iowa City</i> —Crawfordsville, 7; Iowa City, 14. 56 89	
KANSAS.— <i>Emporia</i> —Marquette, 2. <i>Larned</i> —Dodge City, 2; Spearville, 1. 5 00	
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Frankfort, 7; Ludlow, 4; Murphysville, 4 50; Sharpsburg, 4 15. <i>Transylvania</i> —Paint Lick, 3. 22 65	
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn 1st, Henry St., 319 78; New Brighton, Calvary, 10. 329 78	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Ypsilanti, 29 25. <i>Kalamazoo</i> —Richland, 8; Three Rivers, 6 28. <i>Monroe</i> —Coldwater, 4; Monroe, 6; Quincy, 7. 60 53	
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —Minneapolis, Westminster	
sab-sch., 12 45; Oak Grove, 5; St. Paul, House of Hope, 47 75. 65 20	
MISSOURI.— <i>Osage</i> —Nazareth, German, 10. <i>Palmyra</i> —Shelbyville, sp., 4. <i>Platte</i> —St. Joseph, Westminster, 21 50. <i>St. Louis</i> —Bristol, 60 cts.; St. Louis, Glasgow Avenue, 10. 46 10	
NEBRASKA.— <i>Nebraska City</i> —Lincoln, 9; Hickman, 4. 13 00	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Clinton 1st, 2 73; Elizabeth 1st, 85 33; Plainfield 2d, 92 68. <i>Jersey City</i> —Rutherford Park, 13 86. <i>Mommouth</i> —Beverly, 24 25; Burlington, 37 14; Farmingdale, 5. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —East Orange, 5 16; German Valley, 12; Madison, 5 28; Morristown 1st, 3. <i>Newark</i> —Newark 2d, 15 96. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 5th, 2 52. 304 91	
NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Amity, 10; Goodwill, 4 96; Liberty, 41 cts.; Nyack, 4 81; Scotchtown, 1. 21 18	
PACIFIC.— <i>San José</i> —San José, sp., 45 00	
PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Great Valley, 17; West Chester, 10. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Montrose, 25. <i>Lehigh</i> —Allentown, 22; Hazleton, 17 60; Lower Mt. Bethel, 3 40; Shenandoah, 2 50; Summit Hill, 95 cts., sab-sch., 26 cts. (1 21); Jamestown sab-sch., 18 cts. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia, Clinton Street, 11. <i>Immanuel</i> , 20; Philadelphia South, 52 05; Philadelphia, Woodland, 14 35; Philadelphia, Walnut Street, 25; Philadelphia, West Spruce Street, add'l, 1; G. S. Benson, Esq., of West Spruce St., 50. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> —Philadelphia, Bethesda, 16 48. <i>Philadelphia North</i> —Carversville, 2; Frankford, 3 53; Norristown, Central, 10; Plumsteadville, 1 30; Thompsonville, Memorial, 9 65. <i>Westminster</i> —Bellevue, 13. 317 25	
PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Harrison City, 2; Pleasant Grove, 4; Verona, 18. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —East Liberty, 22; Pittsburgh 2d, 6 84; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 25 11. <i>Redstone</i> —Brownsville, 5; George's Creek, 5; Jefferson, 3; McKeesport 1st, 15. <i>West Virginia</i> —Grafton, 5. 110 95	
TENNESSEE.— <i>Kingston</i> —Mars Hill, 1; Maryville 2d, 1. 2 00	
TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine, 1 64; Bucyrus, 58 cts.; Galion, 15; Spring Hills, 83 cts. <i>Lima</i> —Shanesville, 4. 22 07	
WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Panama, 1 18; Westfield, 40 85. <i>Rochester</i> —Brookport, 17 43; Lima, 1 35; Livonia, 7; Rochester Memorial, 2. 69 81	
WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —Oostburg, 5. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Highland, 2; Kilbourne City, 5 15; Liberty, 3; Marion, 2 40; Pulaski, 5. 22 55	
Receipts from Churches.....	\$2475 88
Interest on Permanent Fund.....	838 50
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Mrs. M'Adam, 50 cts.; T. S. Anderson, Esq., Owensboro', Ky., 20; "C. M. H.," Germantown, Pa., 5; "C.," Conn., 1; "S. M.," 12; Welsh Calvinistic Ch., N. Y., 18 60; General E. B. Babbitt, Portland, Oregon, 10; Princeton Seminary Theological Society, 10 09. 77 19	
Total receipts in December.....	\$3391 57
E. G. WOODWARD, Treasurer, 1334 Chestnut St., Phila.	
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF DR. BUSHNELL.—It is with great regret that we learn the death of the Rev. Albert Bushnell, D.D., on the 2d of December. He died on the steamer, just arriving at Sierra Leone. The funeral services were held in that place. Mrs. Bushnell and Miss Cameron, after these services, proceeded in the steamer on their voyage to Gaboon. Dr. Bushnell's health was feeble when he left this country, but the best medical advisers in this city counselled him to return to Gaboon, with the hope that the voyage and the uniform climate would be the means of his recovery. His work there for so many years, and the great need of more laborers, made him anxious to go back to his post. His heart was there, and his friends hoped that he might be spared to labor there for several years; but such was not the will of the Lord. One of the most excellent and valuable laborers has entered into his rest. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Bushnell in this bereavement.

DEATH OF DR. COAN.—Though the connection of the Rev. George W. Coan, D.D., with the Board had lately ceased, as he did not expect to return to Persia, yet we should here record our great regret at his removal by death on the 21st of December, at Wooster, Ohio. All his life-work was in missionary service, nearly all the time in the field; but abroad or at home he was ever a faithful, efficient, and devoted laborer for Christ.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. George W. Wood, Jr., and his wife have been appointed to the Dakota Mission. Mr. Wood is a son of the Rev. George Wood, D.D., of Constantinople, and a member of the Presbytery of Grand Rapids. Miss Mary S. Estill, a member of the church of Canton, Mo., Miss Rosalie La Flesche, of the Omaha church, Nebraska, and Miss Mary Jennings, of the church of Dallas Centre, Iowa, have been appointed as teachers in the Omaha Boarding-school. The Rev. Samuel M. Irvin, of the Presbytery of Highland, has been appointed as superintendent of this school, but the serious illness of his wife has prevented his entering as yet fully upon its duties. We have received advices of the arrival of the Rev. H. H. Jessup, D.D., and his company at Beirut, Syria; of the Rev. W. L. Johnston and his wife at the same place, on their way to Sidon; and of Miss Cundall at Tripoli; of Rev. Messrs. Lyenberger and Hunter and their company; Rev. S. A. Hunter and his company at Shanghai, China; of the Rev. A. Rudolph and his wife, and of Rev. Messrs. Wherry, Seeley, Ewing, and company in India. We regret very much to learn that the Rev. E. P. Dunlap

and his wife, of the mission in Siam, are on their return to this country, on account of Mr. Dunlap's health. He has suffered severe illness repeatedly since he went to that country, and at length his medical attendant gave imperative counsel that he should not remain longer. We sincerely regret also to learn that the health of Mrs. Nevius, wife of the Rev. J. L. Nevius, D.D., of Chefoo, China, has become so much impaired that a change of climate was considered indispensable to her recovery. She left Shanghai for Italy in November, leaving Dr. Nevius to return to his station, at a great sacrifice of feeling to them both in this separation.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—Mr. Hall reports seven received on examination and three by letter during the year in the Seneca church of Alleghany. Mr. Thompson mentions the admission of four new members by the church of Shinsaki, Yedo, Japan; four adults baptized at Yanazawa, and one at Shimonoseki. Mr. Butler reports four new members received during the year, by the church of Ningpo, China, making fifteen in the year. Fifty-five adults were added to the churches of the Ningpo Presbytery during the year. Dr. Happer reports four new members received and one restored by the First church of Canton. Mr. Noyes mentions three new converts received, making forty in six months, by churches of the same vicinity. Mr. Vandyke reports that the Siamese churches had received fifty new members in the year. Mr. Lucas reports the admission of thirteen new members during the year to the church of Futtehghurh, India. Two of them were Mohammedans, one of whom afterwards apostatized, and the other died in the possession of a good hope through grace.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED.—Mr. Thompson speaks of a new church of seventeen members lately organized at Nippon Bashi, Japan. Most of the members were previously connected with the Shinsaki church, Yedo, and one new convert was received when the new church was constituted.

CHINESE LICENTIATE PREACHERS.—The Presbytery of Ningpo licensed three young men for the ministry, after careful examination.

EARNEST CALL FOR MORE MEN in the Canton field, China. Dr. Happer writes that ten millions of people live within fifty miles of Canton, and the whole number of ministers among them is but twelve. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest for the needed laborers.

FAMINE IN THE OROOMIAH district of Persia. Full particulars are given in the newspapers of this great calamity. Our missionaries earnestly second the appeal of their native congregations for help for themselves and others. Funds sent to their aid will be wisely distributed, and may be sent in to the care of Mr. William Rankin, treasurer, 23 Centre Street.

THE OMAHA BOARDING-SCHOOL has been reopened, with an attendance of forty-six scholars,—before this doubtless increased to the authorized number of fifty. Towards the support of the scholars an allowance is to be made from the Indian educational funds of the government; but the heavy expense of putting the building in needed repair, and a part of the current expenses, must be provided by the Board. The Indians hail the reopening of the school. We trust it will be a great blessing to them.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JANUARY 14th.—From the Seneca Mission, December 22d; Omaha, December 31st; Creek, December 7th; Seminole, December 25th; Nez Perce, November 29th; San Francisco, December 13th; Yokohama, December 10th; Tokio, December 12th; Kanazawa, November 4th; Peking, November 20th; Chefoo, November 18th; Ningpo, November 7th; Shanghai, December 2d; Canton, December 2d; Bangkok, November 14th; Allahabad, December 1st; Futehghurh, November 18th; Mynpurie, December 12th; Etawah, November 29th; Lodiana, December 4th; Teheran, November 17th; Tabriz, November 22d; Oroomiah, November 6th; Beirut, December 23d; Monrovia, December 11th; Gaboon, October 6th; Rio de Janeiro, December 4th; Sao Paulo, December 2d; Valparaiso, November 29th; Bogota, November 11th; Mexico, December 12th; San Louis Potosi, November 22d; Zacatecas, December 11th.

RECEIPTS.—MAY TO DECEMBER; EIGHT MONTHS.

	From churches.	Individual donors.	Bequests.	Total.
1879.	\$103,859	\$14,690	\$99,494	\$218,043
1878.	87,681	12,454	34,415	134,552

CORRECTED.—The valuable paper on the Persian Mission in the last *Record*, page 17, was prepared by one of our ministers in this country, and not by the Mission.

MISSIONARY WORK OF MARRIED WOMEN.

In a letter lately received from one of the missionaries in Asia we find a paragraph of much interest:

“ . . . Mrs. —’s name is not mentioned among the teachers of our school, although she has taught much, besides being physician to the school, having several patients daily, and sometimes nightly. . . . I think the work of the married ladies worthy of mention. Mrs. — [wife of another missionary at the same station] has a fine Sabbath-school, and did have a weekly prayer-meeting also. Mrs. — [wife of still another missionary] has a large Sabbath-school, and prayer-meeting weekly, and has been trying to get a day-school started among the poor. Both she and Mrs. — pay their own expenses and hire their own rooms. Mrs. — [also a missionary lady] had the large primary class in my Sabbath-school, at nine o’clock A. M., and her own Sabbath-school in

the afternoon, among the ragged children, besides having her ragged school daily, in addition to her teaching in my school. She is now trying to carry on this school for the poor women on a larger scale. This and the other school she supported for a year at a cost of over \$300, not drawing anything from mission funds. So you can see none are idle."

These notices do not surprise us at all. The wives of the missionaries are usually among the most useful laborers. Their honored situation in life, their various relative duties in the family and the community, their own active piety, give them influence and usefulness of rare value. Signal examples might easily be referred to in past years, and in many a missionary station now, to show how greatly God has blessed the work of such Christian women.

TEN MONTHS' WORK IN INDIA.

The small space at our disposal in the *Record* seldom permits the insertion of complete accounts of varied work at a missionary station. But we print here in full the report of the Rev. J. J. Lucas, of Futteh-gurh, dated November 14, 1879, as showing the progress of the work there, and as an example of similar labors at some of the older stations in India :

My report covers only ten months of the year, owing to our annual meeting occurring earlier than usual. My work has been very much the same as it has been for several years past. First, preaching. There has been no catechist living at Rakha (a part of Futteh-gurh) this year, and as the Scripture-readers are with one exception quite young men, I have usually preached twice every Sabbath at Rakha, and also on Thursday evening. My preaching has been almost entirely expository, taking up the books of Genesis and Acts, and going through them in course. As the congregation is usually large, there being 120 communicants, I have taken pleasure in preparing for the services.

On January 5th, Rumai, a Sais, was baptized. Some years ago he was in the employ of the missionaries here, and then first heard the truth. On March 2d, his wife, Soologgan, and a woman of the weaver caste, were received by baptism. On June 1st, a Mohammedan named Allah Bakhsh, an elderly man, receiving a pension from government, was baptized. His family had been visited and instructed by Mrs. Browne for a year and more before his baptism, and in this way he received his knowledge of the truth. He was before the Session of the church twice, and as we knew of no wrong motive which could induce him to forsake his old religion, and as his knowledge of the truth was sufficient, and he seemed anxious to confess Christ, I knew no reason why he should not be received, and so he was baptized. He had been ill before his baptism, but after it he became worse, and while in this weak state he was induced by his Mohammedan friends to recant and leave his old home. I have not been able to see him since his apostasy.

On June 8th, another Mohammedan was baptized, named Mirza Jan Begh. In early life Mirza Jan Begh was in comfortable circumstances.

He was for many years the butler in the house of the chief justice of the Punjab. Some years ago he lost the use of his eyes, and for several years he was totally blind. He received his principal instruction in the truths of the Bible from a blind Christian and his wife, who lived near by. They taught him the Lord's Prayer, and other Scripture portions, and soon after he became a Christian they took him to their house in order that he might be more comfortable and happy than he could be in the place he lived. On September 30th, less than four months after his baptism, he died a happy and triumphant death in their house. While he was sick, I never heard a complaint from him. I could see a growing ripeness for the company of the glorified. The morning of his death he told me that all his trust was in the Lord Jesus, and that he knew it would be well with him, for the sake of Jesus. His eyes, so long darkened, now see, I trust, the King in his beauty.

The last baptism was that of Jurahi, a man who has been with me for five years past as a grass-cutter. His conduct has always been good, and I have never heard a word against him. All these years he has been a regular attendant at my Sunday service for the servants, and for months before he applied for baptism I noticed that he was moved by the story of the love of Jesus. He is the first fruit of this special Sabbath service, but I have every hope that others who attend may soon take the same step. In addition to the above, seven others have been received on confession of their faith, making a total of thirteen so admitted during the past ten months. Ten others, all males, have applied to the Session of the church for admission, but delay has been considered advisable in their cases.

The pastoral and secular work connected with the church and village has been heavier than any previous year of my experience. Most of the people are very poor, and the famine prices of the past months, together with the malarious fevers prevalent, have brought the poor into great straits. At one time more than half the people of the village of Rakha were prostrated with fever. During the month of September there were three deaths of Christians, viz., Eliza, a blind woman, of forty-five years of age. She was sent to the orphanage here when she was about thirteen years of age, and as far as I can learn became totally blind when eighteen years of age. For some years before her death she had been suspended from church communion, but three months before her death she appeared before the Session and made confession of her sin, and begged to be admitted to the Lord's table. Her confession was accepted, and she was admitted. She was sick only five days, and the most of the time was unconscious.

The second death was that of the native doctor, Elihi Bakhsh. When the orphanage was established here he was employed as the native doctor, and held this position to the day of his death, a period of forty years. He was not baptized, however, till 1859. He was sick two weeks, and died at the city hospital, where he had been taken in order to obtain the best medical treatment. His death was greatly mourned by the Christian people, whose call in sickness he had been ever ready to answer. He was aware of his approaching departure, and spoke of

Christ as his only hope. He was the author of several excellent sacred songs, which have a place in one of our popular books of hymns. Nine days after his death his only son died. He leaves five daughters, all Mohammedans.

There are now twenty-nine girls in the orphanage at Rakha. They attend the girls' school with the Christian girls of the village. One of the orphan girls was recently married to a respectable young man. Five years ago she fled to the magistrate of Futtehghurh for protection, being subjected, though a girl of only eleven or twelve years of age, to unnamed insults in the house of a Mohammedan who had no legal claim to her. The magistrate sent her to our orphanage, and she is now a member of the church, and the wife of a young man of good family. As she stood up to be married I could not but contrast her wretched plight the day she came to the orphanage with her present position and prospects. The Christian girls' school has an attendance of fifty-four. The Local Educational Committee of Furrukhabad has recommended the Director of Public Instruction to increase the grant to the school from five to ten dollars a month. The Christian boys' school at Rakha has an attendance of forty Christian boys. The staff of teachers remains the same as last year, and the boys are making satisfactory progress, especially in mastering their own language, and in learning Persian.

In addition to my work at Rakha I have had charge of the catechists and Scripture-readers of the station. They have recited to me once a week, but not with such regularity as I could wish. Their studies this year were not those of the grade, and they did not apply themselves with the diligence they manifested last year when studying for examination for a higher grade. During the month the opium cultivators were bringing in their opium I preached nearly every day to large crowds at the agency. The catechists and Scripture-readers during the month lived in a tent among the people, preaching the gospel to them. The native helpers living at Rakha have preached regularly in the villages around Rakha and in the Futtehghurh bazar. The men living in Furrukhabad city have preached in the morning in the different wards of the city, and in adjacent villages, and in the evening in front of the shop belonging to us on the main street of the city. I have usually preached at this last named place twice a week. Many books have been sold, much to our encouragement. In January, Mr. Tracy and I began, by request of several Christians, an English service in the Fort, for the benefit of the residents of the station and employees in the Fort. We have taken this service in turn every Friday evening. I have felt the need of such a service for my own spiritual good. Summing up my public preaching during the past ten months, I find that I have preached 234 times.

The out-station at Qaimgunj has been in my charge. Services are held regularly every Sabbath in the house of one of the catechists, and several of the inquirers have been quite regular in their attendance. During my visits to the station I have had interesting conversations with these men, but they seem no nearer taking the final step than they were several years ago.

My studies have been chiefly in preparing for the pulpit and for my class of catechists and Scripture-readers. I have written a tract in Urdu, on the Divinity of our Lord, which is now being published by the Punjab Tract Society.

Mrs. Lucas wishes me to report, in her behalf, that there are now 150 girls in the schools in her charge. She has been compelled to close two during the year as unsatisfactory, and one has been closed on account of the loss of the teacher. The prevalence of fever in the city has also reduced the attendance. All the girls commit the Catechism and hymns, and many of them are able to read well in the Bible. The higher classes study Barth's Scripture History. The Bible-woman, Jauki, has been faithful in visiting the schools and giving religious instruction.

The pundits who teach in these schools have come to me every Wednesday evening for instruction in the Bible. They have also committed many of the more popular of our hymns, and recited them to me.

In concluding this report we would not forget to thank our heavenly Father for preserving our health during the past year, and permitting us to labor for him in this dark land. We count it a great privilege to be able to labor here, and our prayer to him is, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of thy hand upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1879.

- ALBANY.—*Albany*—New Scotland, 8. *Champlain*—Plattsburg 1st, sp., 100; Mooer's, 5. *Columbia*—Big Hollow, 3. *Troy*—Waterford, 59 57; Brunswick, 23. 198 57
- BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Light St., 8. *New Castle*—Forest, Middletown, 24; Head of Christiana, 10. *Washington City*—Western, Young People's Missionary Society, 42 69. 84 69
- CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Otsego*—Stamford 1st sab-sch., 3. *St. Lawrence*—Canton, 22 20, for Loss, 2 (24 20). *Syracuse*—Fulton sab-sch., sp., 25; "A friend of Missions," 200. *Utica*—Rome 1st, 31 30; Whitesboro', 14. 297 50
- CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Hillsboro' sab-sch., sp., 100. *Cincinnati*—Wyoming, R. Taylor, 30. *Dayton*—Dayton 1st sab-sch., sp., 200; Oxford sab-sch., sp., 30 50. *Portsmouth*—Ironton, 125. 485 50
- CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 1st, 203 49; Cleveland South sab-sch., 19 72; Orwell, 7 50; Rome, 3 70. *Mahoning*—Youngstown 1st, 59 55; New Lisbon sab-sch., 13 20; Pleasant Valley, 8. *St. Clairsville*—New Athens, 18; Mt. Pleasant, 18; Wheeling Valley, 13. *Steubenville*—Corinth sab-sch., 60; Bethlehem, 15; Still Fork, 5. 444 16
- COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Middleport sab-sch., 10. *Marion*—Mt. Gilead, 32 62, sab-sch., sp., 11 62 (44 24). *Wooster*—Hopewell, 48 01, sab-sch., 15 (63 01); Jackson sab-sch., 28 35; Shreve, 22; Wooster 1st, sp., 14. *Zanesville*—Norwich, 40; New Concord, 10; Mt. Zion, 5; Otsego, 3. 239 60
- ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny Central, 14 41. *Butler*—Sunbury, "A Pastor," 5. *Clarion*—Brookville sab-sch., 20. *Erie*—Oil City sab-sch., 24 05; Mooreheadville sab-sch., 16 08. *Kittanning*—Apollo, 48; Fairview, estate of Thomas Moore, deceased, 10; Smicksburg, 3. *Shenango*—Little Beaver sab-sch., 7 50. 148 04
- GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Meridian, 25; Owasco, 3 63. *Geneva*—Seneca, 50; Canandaigua 1st, 50. *Lyons*—Huron, 10 55. *Steuben*—Addison, 54. 193 18
- HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Falling Spring, 150; Lower Path Valley, 25, sp., per member, 5, thank-offering, 10 (40); Newport, 18; Waynesboro', 17 16; Burnt Cabins, 5. *Huntingdon*—Duncansville, 11; Milroy sab-sch., 10; Little Valley, 7 20. *Northumberland*—Bloomsburg 1st, 163 35; Williamsport 2d sab-sch., 25; Brier Creek, 5. 451 71
- ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Lexington sab-sch., 5 50. *Peoria*—Peoria 1st, 44 09. *Schuyler*—Elvaston, 16 50, Christian Gleaners, 5 (21 50); Shiloh, 7; Macomb, Woman's Miss'y Soc., 5; Chili sab-sch., 2 47. *Springfield*—Petersburg sab-sch., sp., 30; Sweetwater, 2; Irish Grove, 2. 119 56
- ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 1st, 182 57; Hyde Park 1st, 148; Englewood sab-sch., sp., 50; Chicago 4th, 50; Chicago 3d, 11 10. *Ottawa*—Paw Paw Grove, 5; Wyoming, 4. 450 67
- ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Virden, 13 47. *Cairo*—Sharon, 6 55. *Mattoon*—Pana, 11 47; Morrisonville, 8; Hebron, 4. 43 49
- INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—La Fayette 2d, 45 12; Thorntown, 29 50; Lexington, 18 15; Attica, 8; Sugar Creek, 3 45; State Line, 2 65; Kirkin, 1; Elizaville, 1. *Logansport*—Hanover sab-sch., 10; Plymouth, 1 85. *Muncie*—Wabash, 9 25. 129 97
- INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Greencastle sab-sch., 5; Shiloh, 2. *New Albany*—Jeffersonville 1st sab-sch., sp., 25. *Vincennes*—Claiborne, 6; "M. W.," Princeton, 20. *White Water*—Richmond 1st, 37 81; Aurora, F. Newkirk, 1. 96 81
- IOWA NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Dubuque 1st, 25; Prairie, 3. *Fort Dodge*—Wheatland, German, 10. *Waterloo*—Holland, 8. 46 00
- IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Clarinda, 7 70. *Des Moines*—Dexter, 4; Earlham, 4. *Iowa*—Kossuth 1st sab-sch., 52 68; Winfield, 5; Lebanon, 5. *Iowa City*—Crawfordsville, 10. 88 38
- KANSAS.—*Highland*—Effingham, 1; Nortonville, 1. 7 00
- KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—North Sharpburg, 2 80. *Louisville*—Shelbyville 1st, 117 25; Owensboro', 75. 195 05
- LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn, Westminster, 385 54; Brooklyn 1st, 83 93; South Third Street, W.

Burgh, 28 87; Brooklyn 2d sab-sch., 25; Lafayette Avenue, 24 38; Edgewater 1st, 9 25. *Long Island*—East Hampton 1st, 103 83; Southold, 40; Mattituck, 6 14; East Moriches sab-sch., 2 65; Port Jefferson sab-sch., 2 46. *Nassau*—Islip, 2. 714 05

MINNESOTA.—*Detroit*—Ann Arbor, 27 69; United Milford sab-sch., sp., 15. *Grand Rapids*—Petoskey, 4. *Kalamazoo*—Alamo, 2. *Lansing*—Marshall 1st, Mrs. M. Hardenburk, 10. *Monroe*—Tecumseh 1st sab-sch., sp., 60; Coldwater 1st, 17; Monroe 1st, 9 91. *Saginaw*—Pine River 1st, 11 58. 157 18

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—House of Hope, St. Paul, 33 20; Minneapolis, Westminster, 6 56, sab-sch., 9 26 (15 82); Western, Miss M. D., 1. 50 02

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Sunny Side, 3. *Palmyra*—Hannibal 1st, 50; Clarence, 7 45, sab-sch., 1 70 (9 15); Shelbyville, 4. *Platte*—New Point, 3. *St. Louis*—Kirkwood, 31 79; Bethel sab-sch., 30 30. 131 24

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Meridian, 3; Hickman, Ger., "Christian widow," 5. *Omaha*—Bellevue, 7; Waterville, 4. 19 00

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Cranford sab-sch., 16 66; Clinton, 14 68. *Jersey City*—Rutherford Park 1st, 17 75; Jersey City 2d, 10; Norwood, 10. *Monmouth*—Matawan, 39 26; Farmingdale, 25. *Morris and Orange*—Central Orange, 150; South Orange, 150; East Orange 1st, 104 81; Dover sab-sch., 50; Madison, 28 52; Orange 2d, 21 41; Succasunna sab-sch., 15; Mendham 1st, 3 12. *Newark*—Newark, High Street, 374 74; Newark 3d, 197 15; Newark 2d, 51 16; Bloomfield 1st, 40, Infant class, 28 55 (68 55); Montclair, 36; Newark 1st, 30 75; Newark, South Park, 17 35. *New Brunswick*—Lawrence, Rev. S. M. Hamill, D D., 75; Lawrenceville High School, 25. *Newton*—Branchville, 63; Blairtown, 50; Wantage 2d, 5. 1649 91

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Hopewell, 56; Goodwill, 26 64; Nyack 1st, 17 22; Scotchtown, 5 40; Liberty, 2 22. *New York*—New York 1st, 5000; Scotch, Robert Carter & Bros., 500; Mt. Washington, James M'Creery, 300, sab-sch., 20 (320); University Place, F. C. Jones, for *Loss*, 100; Olivet sab-sch. Missy's Assoc'n, sp., 75; Fourth Avenue, 32. *North River*—Cornwall on Hudson, 10. 6144 48

PACIFIC.—*Bencia*—St. Helena 1st, 14; Arcata, 2 40. 16 40

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Doe Run, 9 33; Doe Valley, 2 75. *Lehigh*—Allentown, 112; Allen Township, 20; Summit Hill, 5 12, sab-sch., 1 35, Jamestown sab-sch., 94 cts. (7 41). *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 1st, 1015 96; West Spruce Street, 609 03, G. S. Benson, 100, sab-sch., 11 80 (720 83); Walnut Street sab-sch., 351 99. *Philadelphia Central*—North, 60; Gaston, sab-sch., 26 02; Kensington sab-sch., 9 63. *Phila. North*—Central Norristown, 100 50; Thompson Memorial, 13; Frankford, 8 57. *Westminster*—Middle Octorara, 12; Donegal, 9 50. 2479 49

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Poke Run, 53; Harrison City, 2. *Pittsburgh*—Bellefield sab-sch., 100; East Liberty, 70; Shady Side, 62 76; Pittsburgh 2d, 29 30. *Redstone*—Little Redstone, 11; Dunlap's Creek sab-sch., 10 25. *Washington*—Burgettstown sab-sch., 66 15; Pigeon Creek, 44 26; Moundsville sab-sch., 5. *West Virginia*—Sugar Grove, 5. 458 72

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Kingsport, 6; Reedy Creek, 3 10; Wells, 1 40. *Kingston*—Madisonville, 7 50

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Belle Centre, 14; Bellefontaine, 13 73; Huntsville, 8 65; Spring Hills, 4 45; Bucyrus, 3 13. *Huron*—Fostoria 1st, 11 88. *Maumee*—Bryan 1st sab-sch., 10; Grand Rapids, 5; Weston, 4. 74 84

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Westfield, 81 70, sab-sch., 48 (129 70); Buffalo 1st, 115; Central Buffalo, sp., 75; Ripley 1st, 45 32; United Mission, 5 65; Tuscarora, 3 35; Tonawanda, 1. *Niagara*—Niagara Falls 1st, 74 83; Porter, 27. *Rochester*—Central Rochester (sp., 14), 217 11; Rochester, Brick, 200; Mt. Morris, 49 36; Livonia, 37 80; Wheatland 1st, 16 69; Rochester Memorial, 9, sab-sch., 7 25 (16 25); Webster, 13 14; Mendon, 8 10; Lima, 7 23. 1042 53

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Janesville 1st, 34 92, sab-sch., 5 (39 92); Beloit 1st, 36 40; Delavan, 35; Racine 1st, 27 45; Oostburg, 9; Cambridge, 5 03. *Wisconsin River*—Lodi, 7; Kilbourne City sab-sch., 5 08. 164 88
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Phila., 3808 58
Ladies' Board of Missions, New York..... 2505 31
Woman's Board of Missions, Northwest..... 1500 00

Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Albany Branch..... 171 08
Total amount received from Churches in December..... \$24,825 09
\$7984 97

LEGACIES.

Legacy of Joseph G. Brearley, dece'd, Trenton, N. J..... 1000 00
Estate of Mrs. Cath. Rusk, deceased, per Misses Love and Dysart..... 44 00
Interest on Negley Estate, Pa..... 53 60
Interest on Charles Wright's Estate, East Canton, Pa..... 89 88
\$1187 48

MISCELLANEOUS.

Malinda Rankin, 1; Society of Inquiry, Union Sem'y, N. Y., 7 89; H. G. Marquand, N. Y., 175; D. O. Calkins, 10; W. J. Probasco, Ind., sp., 50; "Tithes," 5; A friend, 500; Mrs. Jas. Brown, sp., 25; A. Jagger, O., 5; Shelburne, Mass., sp., 12; Mrs. M. Phelps, 50; Mrs. S. S. Forbes, 5; Rev. J. Robinson, sp., for *Loss*, 5; Miss Eliza Wheaton, 5; Mrs. A. O. Hurd, 1; Northwestern Theol. Sem'y, Student Assoc'n, 20; Wm. Thaw, Allegheny, for *Loss*, 1000; Rev. S. J. Tracy, 30; Father's tobacco box, 8; Rev. J. Arthur, Pa., 1; Dr. W. N. Blakeman, N. Y., 100; "Tithes," 5; "My afternoon Bible-class," 7 50; M. H., 10; Rev. E. P. Linnell, N. J., 25; Princeton Seminary Theol. Society, 77 50; Master Curt O. Bossman, 1; from "a millenarian," O., 100; G. G. Williams, N. Y., 50; Titusville, Pa., 300; O. Harris, Wis., 15; Matthew Stewart, Pa., 1; Rev. J. H. Symmes, Pa., 2; Mrs. M'Adam, 50 c.; E. W. Phila., per *Presbyterian*, 1; Andrew Hemphill, per *Presbyterian*, 1; Rev. S. L. Johnson, Pa., 5; Rev. Robert M'Chahren, Pa., 10; "Friends of the Mission Cause," sp., 70; Charlie and Bessie, proceeds of sale of turnips, 1; C., Conn., 10; Gen'l E. B. Babbitt, Oregon, 40; H. I. F., 25; Friend, Jefferson City, 1. 2774 48

Total amount received in December, 1879, \$28,787 05
Total amount received from May 1st, 1879, 218,043 96
Amount received from Sabbath-schools in December, 1879..... 1,806 20
Total amount received on account of banker's failure..... 7,187 41

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A REQUEST FROM SIAM.

The following letter from a well-known missionary in Siam contains extremely interesting intelligence respecting the condition and prospects of the Lord's work in that dark land:

"BANGKOK, SIAM.

"REV. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., *Cor. Sec.*

"DEAR SIR:—My husband, Rev. S. G. McFarland, who has been a missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for nineteen years in Siam, has recently, at the king's request, left the mission and taken charge of the educational work of the country. While he is not now, strictly speaking, a missionary, still his field of usefulness is much wider than before, and he hopes to exert a much greater influence for Jesus. The only school that is yet under way is one directly under the king's patronage, and the pupils, between 80 and 90, are nearly all the children of princes and noblemen, and such as will in a few years take their places at the head of the government. We both feel exceedingly anxious that every possible means should be used to bring these young men under religious influence. We are busy planning out a good many things with this end in view. One of these is a reading-room, to be kept as a special treat for the Sabbath, and to be open only on that day. We hope to make it pleasant and inviting, and to have it well filled with religious books, both in the English and Siamese language. Of course we feel anxious that the excellent books of our Board should be represented here, and as we have no money for this purpose, I write now to ask if we cannot have a donation of books for this purpose. As to the kind of books that we desire, I need only say that to be useful *at present* they must be such as are adapted to the minds of children. The more simple and easy they are the more useful they will be. All the pupils study English half the day, and their own language the other half, and as a school they will intellectually compare well with any school in our own country. It is too soon to say anything certainly as to what effect this new educational movement will have on the Christianization of Siam, but we hope and pray for great things.

“ Hoping that you will be able to give this request a favorable consideration, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

“ MRS. JENNIE MCFARLAND.”

The Board's Missionary Fund is empty, but it proposes to respond to this appeal. Who will enable us to send a large and attractive supply of books and papers to this exceedingly important school in Siam?

SOME RESULTS.

A highly-esteemed Presbyterian minister in Texas writes to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, imploring him to send, if possible, a book, tract, and Sabbath-school missionary to labor in his Presbytery in that great State. Among other things he says :

“ The Board of Publication is very dear to me. I was brought to Christ and into the ministry through the reading of books purchased from a colporteur. I have been deeply impressed by personal knowledge of the rich blessing of the Lord on the labors of the Board of Publication,—the large numbers awakened and led to the saving knowledge of Christ by your publications. As an illustration of this I may mention the case of a ministerial brother who has just come to Texas seeking a field of labor. A few days ago I mentioned the fact to him that I was awakened by books bought from a colporteur, when he remarked that he also was not only awakened, but brought into the ministry by the same means.

“ There is here plenty of work,—fields ripe for the harvest. In this state of things your Board of Publication, with its missionaries, comes grandly in. Had we a live, energetic man to explore the field, encourage our members to hold on, conduct prayer-meetings, organize Sabbath-schools, distribute books and tracts, and put our scattered members to work, we could save many inviting fields to our church. The saving to the church would far more than pay the expense of a missionary of the Board of Publication. Dear brother, cannot your Board give us a man for this work? We implore your help.”

The Board is anxious to respond to this appeal, and notwithstanding the empty condition of its Missionary Fund, will do so as soon as a well-qualified man can be found. Who will help the Board to bear the expense?

REASONS WORTH PONDERING.

A worthy ministerial brother out West wrote to one of the Board's District Superintendents that he had just received “ two rolls of cheap perforated combination Sabbath-school circulars, helps, and papers from an undenominational, non-committal, neutral institution, of a sensational and quite voluminous character,” in view of which “ two rolls ” he proceeds to discourse in the following very sensible manner :

“I am surprised to see so many sensible pastors and Sabbath-school workers run after these sensational publications sent forth by irresponsible parties. Why make our ‘children like wild asses’ colts in respect to the pastures in which they browse for mental and spiritual nourishment?’ Why feed them on a literature whose chief merit is cheapness or novelty? Should we not *avoid* cheap, irresponsible, neutral Sabbath-school reading? We should use that which we know to be good in every way, and which we believe to be *clear, positive, and Scriptural* in its teachings. Is not our Sabbath work made the occasion of a shameful amount of money-seeking, entertainment-making, and downright nonsense?

“The following are some of the reasons which occur to me just now why we, as Presbyterians, should use the helps and papers for Sabbath-schools, prepared and published by our Board of Publication:

“1. They are printed upon clear, strong paper.

“2. They are neat and attractive in appearance.

“3. Considering quality of paper, type, and matter, they are very cheap.

“4. They are prepared and published by the authorized servants of our Church.

“5. Their publication is not a money-making enterprise.

“6. They are not introduced to our schools by advertising tricks or sensational claims.

“7. They are prepared by learned, godly, and responsible men.

“8. Their teachings are therefore Scriptural and reliable.

“9. The lesson helps contain *an exposition of the Shorter Catechism*, which should be taught in every Presbyterian Sabbath-school.

“10. They are intended and adapted to *aid* in the study of the Bible, and not to take the place of Bible study.

“11. They are just what our schools need, and all they need, in the way of helps in Bible study.

“12. There is no excuse for running after other publications when our own Board offers us such cheap, safe, and admirably-prepared Sabbath-school literature.

“13. They who do such things remind me of the man who often found fault with his wife’s pies and cookies, though they were excellent, but praised the pastry of his neighbors’ wives, which was no better than he had at home. Home grumblers are disagreeable, whether you find them in the family, the Church, or the Sabbath-school. Let us be contented with our *home* Sabbath-school literature, which is as good as the best in all important and desirable respects.”

A GOOD WORD FROM MEXICO.

In response to his earnest appeals, the Board has more than once sent grants of its publications to an earnest missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church laboring in Mexico. From a recent letter of his we extract the following pleasing sentences:

“The Lord greatly and promptly blesses the written word here as well as that preached. Two weeks ago to-day a very intelligent Spaniard became enraged when one of our students for the ministry proposed to read a chapter of the Bible to him. The student induced him, however, to read ‘*Nelson’s Cause and Cure of Infidelity.*’ He was thoroughly convinced of his errors as an infidel, and deeply convicted of his guilt as a sinner, and has attended services ever since. Yesterday he was baptized, and gave to the congregation an affecting and edifying account of the power of God in his heart, delivering him from infidelity and bringing him to Christ.

“There are more infidels now in Romish countries than there are Romanists.”

CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, DECEMBER, 1879.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Conklinville, 2 11. <i>Troy</i> —Troy 9th, 5; Waterford (sab-sch., 4 33), 19 33. 26 44	United 1st, 2. <i>Newton</i> —Greenwich ch. sab-sch., 5.
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Bainbridge, 5. 35 00	<i>West Jersey</i> —Blackwoodtown, 20; Wenonah, from Billingsport sab-sch., 20. 83 63
<i>Syracuse</i> —Hannibal ch. sab-sch., 5. <i>Utica</i> —Utica, Westminster, 25. 9 00	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Goodwill, 3 36; Liberty, 28 cts.; Nyack, 3 23; Scotchtown, 68 cts.; Unionville, 2. <i>Westchester</i> —Croton Falls, 6 98. 16 53
CINCINNATI.— <i>Dayton</i> —Yellow Springs, 9 00	PACIFIC.— <i>Benicia</i> —Arcata, 2 30
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland 1st, 25 66; Rome, 46 cts.; South Cleveland ch. sab-sch., 16 68. <i>Mahoning</i> —Hubbard, 4 25; Liberty, 2. <i>Steubenville</i> —Canonsburg, 12; New Harrisburg, 3; Still Fork, 2. 66 05	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —West Chester ch. sab-sch., 22 23. <i>Lehigh</i> —Allentown, 16; Hazleton, 12 64; Summit Hill ch., 65 cts., sab-sch., 17 cts., Jamestown sab-sch., 11 cts.—93 cts. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia Walnut Street ch. sab-sch., 176; Philadelphia West Spruce Street, add'l, from G. S. Benson, Esq., 50. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> —Philadelphia, Alexander, 65 16. <i>Philadelphia North</i> —Carversville, 1 15; Doylestown and Deep Run, 17 55; Frankford ch. monthly coll., 3 53; Norristown Central, 8. 373 19
COLUMBUS.— <i>Columbus</i> —Columbus 2d, 14 15; Columbus, Hoge, 3 64; Midway ch. sab-sch., 8 50. <i>Wooster</i> —Chester (sab-sch., 1), 4; Congress (of which sab-sch., 3), 8; Hopewell, 17; Lexington, 4; Shreve, 5 50; Wayne (sab-sch., 1), 4; Wooster 1st ch. sab-sch., 8 68. 77 47	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Laird, 3. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —East Liberty, 14; Pittsburgh 2d, 6 85; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 12 54; West Elizabeth, 5. <i>Redstone</i> —Belle Vernon, 6 50; Little Redstone, 3. <i>Washington</i> —Pigeon Creek, 10 33. <i>West Virginia</i> —Portland, 13 40. 74 62
ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Allegheny Valley, 3 25. <i>Butler</i> —Summit, 4. <i>Kittanning</i> —Concord, 2; Crooked Creek, 2 14; West Lebanon, 4. <i>Shenango</i> —Mount Pleasant, 5. 20 39	TENNESSEE.— <i>Holston</i> —Kingsport, 2. <i>Kings-ton</i> —Mars Hill, 1. 3 00
GENEVA.— <i>Geneva</i> —Waterloo, 25 00	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine, 1 09; Bucyrus, 40 cts.; Spring Hills, 56 cts. 2 05
HARRISBURG.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg Falling Spring, 25; Duncannon, 1 40; Middle Spring, 15; Waynesboro', 2 17. <i>Northumberland</i> —Bloomsburg 1st, 10. 53 57	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Sherman ch. sab-sch., 6; Westfield, 5 45. <i>Niagara</i> —Lyndonville, 8 36. <i>Rochester</i> —Lima, 91 cts.; Rochester Memorial, 1 21 72
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.— <i>Peoria</i> —Galesburg, 10 60; Peoria 1st, 5 72. 16 32	WISCONSIN.— <i>Chippewa</i> —La Crosse 1st (sab-sch., 2 26), 7 31. <i>Mitwaukee</i> —Oostburg, 5. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Highland, 2; Kilbourne City, 2 81; Pulaski, 4. 21 12
ILLINOIS NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Peotone, 10 00	
ILLINOIS SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Edwardsville, 4; Plum Creek, 3 70; Virden, 1 24. <i>Cairo</i> —Cairo, 7; Enfield, 1 41; McLeansboro', 2 22. <i>Mattoon</i> —Pana, 1 44; Prairie Bird, 3; Tower Hill, 2; West Okaw, 1 50. 27 51	Total from Churches.....\$1260 59
INDIANA NORTH.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> —Fowler, 2. <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Ossian, 2 45. <i>Logansport</i> —Kentland, 1; Mishawaka ch. sab-sch., 1; Plymouth, 23 cts. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 17. 7 85	LEGACY.—Estate of Martha Park, deceased, late of Thomsonville, Pa., 5 00
IOWA NORTH.— <i>Dubuque</i> —Dubuque 1st, 21; Rev. J. Conzett, 1. 22 00	MISCELLANEOUS.
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Augusta, 11; Murphysville, 4. <i>Transylvania</i> —Harrodsburg, 18 65. 33 65	Ginley Industrial School, Washington, D. C., 15 25; Interest, 26 33; Rev. T. A. Grove, Charleston, S. C., 50 cts.; Martin Rohrbacher, Salem, Mich., 5; Miss Sarah J. Park, Bardolph, Ill., 1; T. S. Anderson, Esq., Owensboro', Ky., 20; Mr. E. Garland, Greenville, Ohio, 10; A man and wife, interest on a bond, 40; Mrs. R. S. Marsh, Bryon Centre, Mich., 50 cts.; Trustees of the Presbyterian House, interest on Baldwin Fund, 88 85; “C.” Conn., 1; General E. B. Babbitt, Portland, Oregon, 10; Princeton Seminary Theological Society, 7 21; “Nemo,” 50 cts. 226 14
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn 1st, Henry St., 68 49. <i>Long Island</i> —Southampton ch. sab-sch., 30, and Water Mills sab-sch., 19 17—49 17. 117 66	Total cash receipts in December.....\$1491 73
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Detroit Jefferson Avenue, 43. <i>Grand Rapids</i> —Clan: Lake, 5. <i>Monroe</i> —Coldwater (sab-sch., 6 83), 10 08. 58 08	S. D. POWELL, Treasurer.
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —Minneapolis Westminster, 46 60	
MISSOURI.— <i>Palmyra</i> —Hannibal 1st, 5. <i>St. Louis</i> —Bristol, 25 cts.; Pleasant Hill, 1 40. 6 65	
NEBRASKA.— <i>Nebraska City</i> —Brownville, 3 79	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Clinton 1st, 1 85; Metuchen 1st, 5 70. <i>Monmouth</i> —Tennent, 10. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —East Orange, 3 50; Madison, 3 61. <i>Newark</i> —Newark 2d, 11 97. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Amwell	

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

A GREAT LOSS SUSTAINED.

During the last month the Board of Church Erection has sustained a severe loss by the death of Alexander Stuart, Esq., one of the most liberal contributors we have ever had. By his liberality and that of his brother, who survives, not less than *two hundred* feeble churches have been enabled to secure houses of worship during the last nine years. Who can estimate the amount of good accomplished through this instrumentality,—the hundreds of sermons preached to thousands of souls brought within these consecrated walls, who might not otherwise have heard the word of life? He who helped to build these sanctuaries has been laid in the grave, but the sanctuaries remain, and for years to come shall resound the praises of God. Let us who survive *work while the day lasts, for the night of death shall soon come*. We are drawing near the close of another ecclesiastical year with much concern, fearful that there may be a sad falling off from the work of previous years. It ought not to be so. The demand is increasing; the means for doing this needful work have been increased by the revival of business; but the churches do not seem disposed to honor God “with the increase of their substance.” The contributions that come in are not only few in number, but pitiful in amount. For instance, five dollars from a church of 400 members; two dollars from a church of 320 members; one dollar from a church of 198 members, &c. Surely this is “withholding from the Lord more than is meet.” A just appreciation of this cause would suggest something more generous than this. It is to be hoped that the weak churches that are now struggling to secure shelter, and who, by their destitution, have learned the value of a church home, may never be permitted to sink into this miserable condition of indifference to the wants of the unsheltered flocks of Christ. Hear what some of them say: “The object for which we have so long prayed and labored will soon be realized. Our church building is nearly finished, and your promised aid will enable us to satisfy every demand against us. Oh, how glad we shall be to get possession of our own dear little church! We owe the Board ten thousand thanks, for without your assistance we could never have accomplished the object, for we have done our utmost, and strained every nerve. At one time we thought we must give up and let all go. But when your letter came, with the promise of \$400, we revived and took fresh courage. God helped us and enabled us to do more than we had ventured to hope. My people, I trust, will never forget the Board that came to their help in this the time of their need.”

Another says: “Your \$400 has saved our church to the Presbyterian cause. Without it we could not have held the property, for our means were completely exhausted, and our creditors could wait no longer. Your check came just in time, and, oh, what joy it afforded us! We tried to give thanks to God, but our hearts were too full for utterance. For a time we had a silent meeting. At length the tongue of one old

man was loosed, and he said, 'Oh, Lord, bless this building society that has helped us in our great extremity, and lifted this burden of anxiety from our hearts, and thus saved us from dishonor and thy name from reproach.'" If we could send this good elder to visit some of our churches that were once feeble, and in their weakness received aid, but seem to have forgotten the hand that helped them, he might do a good work by stirring up their pure minds by way of remembrance, and thus leading them to the fulfillment of their forgotten promises. We have on file the *written thanks* of these churches for the aid received years ago; but we believe in legal tender, and would rather have *specie payment*. It goes further, and passes better in church building. Shall we have it, that we may give it to those whose applications are before us, and not have to pay them with PROMISES?

RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH ERECTION IN DECEMBER, 1879.

- ALBANY.—*Champlain*—Fort Covington, 6. *Columbia*—Greenville, 1 45. *Troy*—Waterford, 8 64.
- BALTIMORE.—*Washington City*—Washington Metropolitan, from Bible-class, sp., 11.
- CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Elbridge 6 25. *Utica*—Utica Westminster, 30.
- CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Bantam, 2 50. *Dayton*—Yellow Springs 1st 12. *Portsmouth*—Ironton, 25 54.
- CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 1st, 50 88; Rome, 93 cts.; Streetsborough, 7 80. *Steubenville*—Steubenville 2d, sp., 150; Uhricksville, 12.
- COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Columbus 1st, Ladies' Miss'y Society, sp., 18 50; Columbus 2d, 13 11; Columbus Hoge, 4 02. *Wooster*—Lexington, 7.
- ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny Valley, 5 60; Pine Creek 1st, 1 80; Sharpesburg, 20. *Butler*—Middlesex, 5; Summit, 3. *Clarion*—Beech Woods, 10. *Erie*—Atlantic 1st, 3; North East, 15. *Kittanning*—Concord, 3. *Shenango*—Mt. Pleasant, 9.
- GENEVA.—*Geneva*—Gorham, 11; Ithaca 1st, 20 66; Seneca, 20. *Steuben*—Cohocton, 2.
- HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Chambersburg Falling Spring, 30; Duncannon, 1 27; Waynesboro', 4 28. *Huntingdon*—Saxton, 2 67; Williamsburg, 12. *Northumberland*—Bloomsburg 1st, 10.
- ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Peoria*—French Grove, 2; Galesburg, 39 11; Peoria 1st, 10 95. *Schuyler*—Augusta, 5 30; Clayton 1st, 2. *Springfield*—Sweetwater, 2 25.
- ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Sparta 1st, 10 35; Virden, 2 43. *Cairo*—Cairo 1st, 4 40; Enfield, 2; Flora, 3; McLeansboro', 2 23. *Mattoon*—Pana, 2 87.
- INDIANA NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Bluffton, 5; Ossian, 1 45; Warsaw, 7 12. *Logansport*—Plymouth, 46 cts. *Muncie*—Wabash, 2 31.
- INDIANA SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Bethel, 1 51.
- IOWA NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Dubuque 1st, 25. *Fort Dodge*—Fort Dodge 1st, 3 31; Scranton, 3. *Waterloo*—Albion, 4 90; Holland, 2 50; Union, German, 2.
- IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Clarinda, 7; Monroe Centre, 4 88; Shenandoah, 5 34. *Des Moines*—Centre-ville, 5 04. *Iowa*—Lebanon, 3; Mt. Pleasant, Ger., 6 30. *Iowa City*—Marengo 1st, 7 50.
- KANSAS.—*Highland*—Frankfort, 4; Nortonville, 1.
- KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Augusta, 12; Ludlow, 4; Murphysville, 7. *Louisville*—Owensboro', 20. *Pennsylvania*—Harrodsburg, 5 25.
- LABG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Ainslie Street sab-sch., sp., 5 74; Brooklyn Clinton St. Chapel, sp., 50. *Long Island*—Setanket, from Mrs. Wheeler, 30.
- MICHIGAN.—*Grand Rapids*—Elk Rapids 1st, 8 30. *Kalamazoo*—Kalamazoo North, 4. *Monroe*—Coldwater 1st, 8. *Saginaw*—Bay City 1st, 26 80; Marlette, 4; Paris 1st, 7.
- MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—Hannibal, 10; Shelbyville, 2; Salisbury 1st, from Ladies' Miss'y Society, 3. *Platte*
- St. Joseph, Westminster, 5 85. *St. Louis*—Bristol, 55 cts.; Elk Prairie, 1; Emanuel, 5; Laketon, 3; White Water, 1 80; Webster Groves, 12; Zoar, 5.
- NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Hickman, 4.
- NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Basking Ridge, 34; Clinton, 3 67; Elizabeth 2d, 21 03; Metuchen 1st, 12 32. *Jersey City*—Norwood, 4 64. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 6 94; Madison, 7 13. *Newark*—Newark 2d, 19 95. *New Brunswick*—Ewing, 134; Trenton Prospect Street, 28 78. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodtown, 10.
- NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Goodwill, 6 66; Haverstraw 1st, 5 71; Liberty, 56 cts.; Nyack, 3 60; Scotchtown, 1 35; Unionville, 2 25. *New York*—Harlem 1st, sp., 25; Mt. Washington, 26 08; New York 1st, add'l, 4000. *Westchester*—Gilead, 13; Thompsonville 1st, 8 25.
- PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Arcata, 2 30.
- PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—West Chester 1st ch. and sab-sch., 31 66. *Lehigh*—Allentown, 28; Summit Hill ch. and sab-sch., 1 61; Summit Hill Jamestown sab-sch., 25 cts. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d, 62 79. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia North, 20. *Philadelphia North*—Carversville, 2; Frankford, 2 52; Manayunk 15; Norristown Central, 12; Plumsteadville, 1. *Westminster*—Bellevue, 10.
- PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Pine Run, 6; Verona 1st, 15. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 1st, 28; Pittsburgh 2d, 8 79; Pittsburgh Central, 28 56; Pittsburgh Shady Side, 25 11. *Redstone*—Belle Vernon 1st, 12. *Washington*—Allen Grove, 1 79; Cross Creek Infant class, sp., 5; Limestone, 1 38; Wolf Run, 1 17.
- TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Kingsport, 1. *Kingston*—Cloyd's Creek, 3; Mars Hill, 1; Unittia, 2. *Union*—Strawberry Plains, 27 cts.
- TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1st, 4 38; Bucyrus, 78 cts.; Spring Hills, 1 12. *Lima*—Bluffton, 3. *Maumee*—North Baltimore, 7; Ridgeville, 1.
- WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Westfield, 8 17. *Rochester*—Lima, 1 82; Rochester Memorial, 1.
- WISCONSIN.—*Wisconsin River*—Kilbourne City, 5 06.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Friends, N. H., sp., for Utah and New Mexico, 200; Mrs. S. S. Forbes, N. Y. City, 1; Princeton Theological Seminary, 12 98; "Cash," 10; "C." Conn., 2; "H. I. F.," 5; Friends, sp., for Nephi Chapel, Utah, 1000; Premiums for re-insurance of Churches, 237 05; Interest on Government Bonds, 300; Interest on Permanent Fund, 112 50; Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., for loss of Carroll Church, Iowa, 800.

Total receipts for December..... \$8591 01

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BOARD OF RELIEF.

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal shall it be measured to you again.”

A TRYING CASE.

The reverend minister in question has passed the limit of three score and ten, but has no affectionate people to care for him in his old age. His oldest son works out by the day and helps his parents all he can. Two daughters are working out in families, and another daughter is married. He has three children yet in their minority, at home, dependent on him for their daily bread. Last year he hired a place, and raised vegetables upon it, but his income fell short of the rent ten dollars. He has labored himself the last summer for fifty cents a day, and expects to do the same work next year if he is well enough. He is esteemed as a very worthy minister. He has said that his family could not have got along last year without the help their neighbors gave them.

A WIDOW STATES HER DIFFICULTIES.

“I have received the remittance of the appropriation made to me by the Board of Relief. For this I feel truly thankful, as it helps to remove anxieties in regard to what we shall eat and wherewithal we shall be clothed. I had hoped to receive the full amount asked for this year, as my rent has been raised one-third on account of the demand for houses. The cost of the necessaries of life is increased in the same proportion, and my means are too small for my situation. But God is good, and I trust him, and pray that those who have this world’s goods in abundance may remember those that have spent their lives in the service of the church, and gone home to receive their reward, and have left families without a competent support.”

A FAMILY MADE GLAD.

A widow, recently made so, says: “I have received your check. The surprise was very great. I had not thought it possible, in the embarrassed condition of the Board, and it came as from the Lord. Please accept from myself and my children our sincerest thanks. It has lifted from us a heavy burden, and we can go on with renewed hope and courage. This enables us to pay fully for the honorable burial of my husband. Your kind words I lay up in my heart. I try to wait patiently, and cast my burden on him who has promised to sustain. I cannot sufficiently thank you, but his reward is sure.”

A WIDOW GRATEFUL,

says: “Your letter is at hand with the check, which is indeed very needed relief, and for which I hardly know how to thank you. I will express my heartfelt thanks, however, in wishing the Board the happiest New Year, with the earnest desire that it may make many a poor heart glad with mine, through this most noble and generous plan of ministerial relief.”

RECEIPTS FOR BOARD OF RELIEF IN DECEMBER, 1879.

ALBANY.—*Champlain*—Port Henry, a lady and daughter, 10. *Troy*—Cohoes, from H. B. Silliman, Esq., 100; Glou's Falls, 39; Troy 9th, 8 58; Troy, Second Street, from the ladies of, 115; Waterford, 8 65.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Churchville, 13; Cumberland 1st, 10. *Washington City*—Hyattsville, 5.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Nineveh, 10. *Utica*—Worcester, 3. *Syracuse*—Elbridge, 7. *Utica*—Clinton, 55 09; Forest, 1 40; Utica, Westminster, 30.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Cincinnati Central, 93 40. *Dayton*—Yellow Springs, 9. *Portsmouth*—Decatur, 4 46.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 1st, 37 13; Cleveland, Euclid Avenue, from Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Eldred, 4 50; Rome, 68 cts. *Makoning*—Clarkson, 1 45; Middle Sandy, 5. *St. Clairsville*—Antrim, 5. *Staubenville*—Dell Roy, 11 35; New Cumberland, 8 65; Steubenville 2d, 15; Two Ridges, 5.

COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Bremen, 1; Columbus 2d, 21 50; Columbus, Hoge, 5 69; Rush Creek, 3; Bethel, 1. *Marion*—Marysville, 4 70. *Wooster*—Fredericksburg, 13; Lexington, 3. *Zanesville*—Chandlersville, 5. *ERIE*.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny, Bethel, 3; Allegheny Central, 15 21; Allegheny Valley, 8 27; Pine Creek 1st, 1 42; Sharpesburg, 15. *Butler*—Summit, 5. *Clarion*—Callensburg, 4. *Erie*—Cambridge, 6; Erie 1st, from Thos. McClelland, Esq., 5; Erie, Park, from a lady, 1; Gravel Run, 5; North East, 10. *Kit-tanning*—Concord, 2; Gilgal, 3; West Glade Run, add'l, 50 cts. *Shenango*—Slippery Rock, 6 50.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Ithaca, 50 26; Rev. W. K. Platt and wife, 10. *Chemung*—Rev. J. G. Schaeffer, 5. *Steuben*—Pultney, 6; Rev. L. F. Laine, 2 50.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Duncannon, 1 28; Lower Path Valley, 14, from a member, sp., 2, from a member, thank-offering, 5 (21); Burnt Cabins, 4; Middle Spring, 40; Waynesboro', 3 14. *Huntingdon*—Altoona 2d, 43 92; Milesburg, add'l, 2; Williamsburg, 15. *Northumberland*—Bloomsburg 1st, 35 03; Buffalo, 15; Sunbury, 8.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Bement, 16 30; Rossville, 6. *Peoria*—Galesburg, 41 50; Peoria 1st, 8 20; Prospect, 26. *Schuyler*—Chili, 5; Clayton, 2. *Springfield*—Farmington, 3.

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 5th, 21 67; Rev. E. J. Hill, 5; Englewood, 20; Joliet 1st, 10 76; Joliet Central, add'l, 5; Peotone 1st, 30. *Freeport*—Linn and Hebron, 4 03; Rock Run, 2. *Ottawa*—Streator Park, 4 52.

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Allon*—Sparta 1st, 28 05; Virden, 1 78. *Cairo*—Cairo 1st, 10 50; Enfield, 2; Grand Tower, 12 36. *Mattoon*—Hebron, 4; Pana, 2 10.

INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Rockfield, 3. *Fort Wayne*—Fort Wayne 2d, 11 80; Franklin, 9 55; Ossian, 2 85. *Logansport*—Lake Prairie, 5 31; Plymouth, 34 cts. *Muncie*—Wabash, 1 69.

INDIANA SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Bethel, 1 54.

IOWA NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Dubuque 1st, 25. *Water-look*—Albion, 2 92; Butler Centre, 90 cts.; Holland, 2 50; Janesville, 3; Pisgah, 3 49.

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Red Oak, 6 56. *Des Moines*—Allerton, 2. *Iowa City*—Scott, 2 77. *Nebraska City*—Meridian, 2. *Omaha*—Fremont, 3; Rev. A. S. Fonda, 1.

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Marquette, 1. *Highland*—Effingham, 1. *Solomon*—Salina, 29 27. *Topeka*—Rev. George P. Van Wych, Chap. U. S. A., 10; Manhattan, 10; Oskaloosa, 5.

KENTUCKY.—*Evansville*—Augusta, 13; Flemingsburg, 6; Ludlow, 3; Murphysville, 6 50; Sharpesburg, 4 35. *Transylvania*—Harrdsburg, 11 30.

MICHIGAN.—*Grand Rapids*—Elk Rapids, 3 93. *Kalamazoo*—Kalamazoo 1st, 30; Three Rivers, 5 28. *Monroe*—Coldwater, 5; Hillsdale, 10; Quincy, 10.

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—Minneapolis, Westminster sub-sch., 7 79. *Winona*—Caledonia, 5 30; Houston, 3 65.

MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—Hannibal 1st, 20; Shelbyville, 2. *Platte*—St. Joseph, Westminster, 10 40. *St. Louis*—Pleasant Hill, 70 cts.; St. Louis, Glasgow Avenue, 16.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton 1st, 2 67; Elizabeth 2d, 23 59; Metuchen 1st, 11 57; Plainfield 2d, 100. *Jersey City*—Jersey City, Bergen 1st, 100; Rutherford Park, 15 82. *Monmouth*—Farmingdale, 5; Mt. Holly, 37 43. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 5 06; German Valley, 10; Madison, 5 19. *Newark*—Newark 2d, 11 97. *New Brunswick*—Amwell, United 1st, 3; Ewing, 120; Pennington, from Rev. Dr. Hale, 50; Princeton 1st, 92 10; Trenton 5th, 1. *Newton*—Blairstown, 20; Danville, 7; Mansfield 2d, 7; Newton, 40. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodtown, 30; Woodbury, add'l, 20.

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Antrim, 4 25; Newburyport 1st, 30 55. *Hudson*—Amity, 13; Circleville, 6; Goodwill, 4 86; Haverstraw 1st, 5 02; Liberty, 41 cts.; Scotchtown, 99 cts. *New York*—Mt. Washington, 109 56; New York, Church of the Covenant, add'l, 10; New York, West 23d Street, 37 74. *North River*—Marlborough, 30. *Westchester*—Bridgeport, 59 90; Rye, 46 82.

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Arcata, 3 20. *San Francisco*—Brooklyn, including 2 from sub-sch., 10.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Avondale, 3 85; Upper Octorara, 16 21; West Chester and sub-sch., 41 12. *Lackawanna*—Rev. H. H. Wells, 25; Wilkesbarre 1st, 121 64. *Lehigh*—Allentown, 22; Hazleton, 16 51; Mahanoy City, J. Phillips, Esq., 100; Summit Hill, 23 72; Jamestown sub-sch., 17 cts. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 1st, 193 55; Philadelphia, Walnut St., 244 68; Philadelphia, West Spruce St., G. S. Benson, Esq., 50. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, North Broad Street, 173 60. *Philadelphia North*—Carversville, 2; Frankford, 3 53; Norristown, Central, 41 90; Plumsteadville, 2. *Westminster*—Little Britain, 9; Middle Octorara, 8.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Verona 1st, 20; Laird, 5. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty, 24; Monongahela City, 23 40; Pittsburgh 2d, 8 79; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 25 10; West Elizabeth, 5. *Redstone*—Belle Vernon 1st, 26 34; Brownsville, 9; McKeesport 1st, 10 16. *Washington*—Holliday's Cove, 5; Wheeling 1st, 40 14. *West Virginia*—Morgantown, 10 85.

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Kingsport, 2 80; Reedy Creek, 2 20. *Kingston*—Mars Hill, 1. *Union*—Strawberry Plains, 37 cts.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 1 59; Bucyrus, 1 57; Gallion, 15; Spring Hills, 81 cts. *Huron*—Milan, 12. *Lima*—Blanchard, 5; McComb, 5; Rockport, 3 36; Mapakoncta, 6.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Jamestown 1st, 15; Westfield, 40 85. *Genesee*—North Bergen, 5; Warsaw, 23 35. *Rochester*—East Avon, 1; Genesee Village 1st, 43; Lima, 1 31; Rochester Memorial, 3.

WISCONSIN.—*Lake Superior*—Marquette, 18 50. *Milwaukee*—Cedar Grove, 3. *Wisconsin River*—Highland, 1 50; Kilbourne City, 4 05; Madison 1st, 20 06; Pulaski, 2 50.

From the Churches.....\$4295 69

MISCELLANEOUS.

Pa., Conshohocken, Mrs. Cath. Symmes, 1; Pa., Conshohocken, Miss Margaret M'Adam, 50 cts.; from "E. W.," 10; Ky., Owensboro, from Mr. J. S. Anderson, 20; Interest on Permanent Fund, 180; Cal., Vallejo, from James Topley, 5; Ohio, Perrysburg, "a widow's mite," 5; per "The Presbyterian," Phila., from "E. W.," 2; Phila., "from a lady," 100; from "Ky.," 1; Interest on Permanent Fund, 150; Wis., Bayfield, from J. H. Nourse, 10; N. Y., Binghamton, from Mrs. C. B. McKinney, 10; Interest on Permanent Fund, from Wm. E. Tenbrook, 222 15; N. Y., Brooklyn, from James M. Ham, Esq., 25; Pa., Lincoln University, Mrs. C. R. Gregory, 5; from "S. M.," 13; Princeton Seminary Theological Society, Rev. E. H. Duval, Treas., 10 09; from "C.," Conn., 3; Oregon, Portland, from General E. B. Babbitt, 10.

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Total for December.....\$5078 43

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COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

THE YEAR CLOSING.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH.—By the time the present number of the *Record* will have been received by most of its readers, only two months will remain of the present ecclesiastical year, and we again earnestly ask that before the close of March every church and every Sabbath-school in our connection that has not already done so will take and forward to our treasury a liberal collection for "Freedmen." We also ask that individual givers will not be forgetful of the wants of this work, and will also forward funds for its use before the close of the year.

The work in the field is reported as unusually prosperous, hence the greater encouragement to contribute for its support. "*Blessed is he that considereth the poor.*"

FROM THE FIELD.

"MAYESVILLE, S. C., December 1st.

"We have just closed a protracted service at my Melina church. . . . The service closed with the administration of the Lord's Supper yesterday. . . . On the first day of this feast thirteen persons presented themselves for examination. Ten of them were received into church-fellowship, and three taken under care of Session for further religious instructions. During these meetings a solemn event occurred, which filled every heart with awe. Our old Aunt Nelly arose in prayer-meeting, before the sermon, and asked prayers especially for two of her children, who were out of Christ, and in the act of sitting down she fell forward on the floor and expired in a few minutes. Both these young persons for whom she prayed and spent her last breath in asking prayer for them have, we have reason to hope, since passed from death unto life. They were among the ten who were received into the church yesterday."

"AMELIA COURT HOUSE, VA., December 29th.

"This report in some respects leaves the field in better circumstances than ever before since my labor here. By continued effort the tide of popular opinion is beginning to flow toward Presbyterianism. Since our last report there have been many striking manifestations of the presence and working of the spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and especially in the R—G— Church, where we have so long prayed for it. The addition of ten persons to this church has had a great effect on the community at large. The A— Church is in good condition for future success. Mount Z—I think to be in circumstances for looking up again. B— O— don't look so favorably as the other points; however, I think it is in a good condition. A good portion of the people are beginning to love the Presbyterian church, there-

fore I have great hope for success in the future. I close with this one remark: 'The only successful way to build up Presbyterianism in this country is to establish educational advantages contemporaneously with preaching, otherwise preaching is vain.'

RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN DECEMBER, 1879.

- ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany 6th, 4; Schenectady 1st, 39 23; Princeton, 10 80; Greenbush, 4 45. *Champlain*—Chauteaugay, 5; Port Henry, 55 51. *Troy*—Woodside, 21 10; Mechanicsville, 3 31; Waterford, 8 64.
- BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Williamsport, 4 50.
- CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Windsor, 9; Cannonsville, 5. *St. Lawrence*—Carthage, 6; Heuvelton, 4 60. *Syracuse*—Amboy, 6; Carnillus, 7. *Utica*—Bethany, 59; Turin, 6; Martinsburg, 1 44.
- CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Avondale, 49 60; Mason and Pisgah, 1 40; Goshen, 5; Cincinnati 6th, 5 45. *Dayton*—Springfield 1st, 42; Greenville, 5. *Portsmouth*—Manchester, 8, sab-sch., 2; Eckmanville, 9.
- CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Rome, 46 cts.; Cleveland 1st, 25 66. *Mahoning*—Hanover, 10; Mineral Ridge, 6. *Stuebenville*—Cross Creek, 3; Unionport, 3; Annapolis, 4; Oak Ridge, 8; Richmond, 11 51.
- COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Syracuse, 1. *Columbus*—Columbus 1st, 30 79. *Marion*—Marysville, 5. *Wooster*—Fredericksburg, 12; Plymouth, 6 25; Shelby, 2 25; Bellville, 2. *Zanesville*—Martinsburg, 11 50; Duncan's Falls, 6 18; Putnam, 10 63; Keene, 7 50.
- ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Providence, 9 50; Cross Roads, 9 04; Emsworth, 13 57; Leetsdale, 41; Highland, 7 90. *Butler*—Harlansburg, 8. *Clarion*—Clarion, 8 43; West Millville, 1 50. *Erie*—Tidioute, 7 62; Jamestown 1st, 2 72; Erie Park, 25; Franklin, 20; Mercer 1st, 12; Girard, 12 43; Hadley, 2. *Kittanning*—Gilgal, 3; Leechburg, 10; Elderton, 6 07; Concord, 2; Bethel, 2.
- GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Sennett, 7 70; Ithaca 1st, 160 98. *Geneva*—Seneca Castle, 8. *Lyons*—Sodus 1st, 5.
- HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Middle Spring, 15; Harrisburg Pine Street, 121 19; Waynesboro', 2 17. *Huntingdon*—Spruce Creek, 49 33; McVeytown, 20 46; Spring Creek, 6; Beulah, 5; Fruit Hill, 6 50, sab-sch., 3 50; Petersburg, 5. *Northumberland*—Buffalo, 9 33; Mahoning, 13 84.
- ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Minonk 1st, 4; Farmingdale, 2 37; "M.", 5; Chenoa, 3. *Peoria*—Yates City, 2; Galesburg, 90 25; Peoria 1st, 5 77.
- ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Will, 4. *Freeport*—Warren, 4 50; Winnebago, 3 37; Middle Creek, 7 57. *Ottawa*—Aurora, 4; Oswego, 3. *Rock River*—Woodhull, 8, sab-sch., 2; Princeton, 4; Peniel, 11.
- ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plum Creek sab-sch., 3 30; Virden, 1 24. *Cairo*—Flora, 4; Mt. Vernon, 1 55. *Mattoon*—Kansas, 6; Pana, 1 44.
- INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Fowler, 2. *Fort Wayne*—Lima, 4 40. *Logansport*—Plymouth, 23 cts.; *Muncie*—Wabash, 1 17.
- INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell, 51 26, Ladies' Miss'y Society, 5; Indianapolis 11th, 1. *New Albany*—Hanover, 10 40. *Vincennes*—Sullivan, 7; Graysville, 6; Vincennes, 13 60, sab-sch., 6 45.
- IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Vinton, 20 02; Mechanicsville, 2 93. *Dubuque*—Dubuque 2d, 13 25; *Waterloo*—Cedar Valley, 1 15; Janesville, 3.
- IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Clarinda, 8 96. *Des Moines*—Winterset, 7. *Iowa*—New London, 4; Sallina, 1 50; Pleasant Plain, 2 32. *Iowa City*—West Liberty, 3 15; Red Oak Grove, 5; Winfield, 5.
- KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Osage City, 3; Lyndon, 1. *Larned*—Spearville, 1; Dodge City, 2. *Neosho*—Ottawa, 4 50. *Solomon*—Wilson, 1 63.
- KENTUCKY.—*Transylvania*—Lancaster, 9 40.
- LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Throop Avenue, 34 68. *Nassau*—Isleip, 10 82.
- MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Dearborn, 1; East Nankin, 1; Pontiac, 9 76; Detroit Union, 5. *Lansing*—Hastings, 8 55. *Monroe*—Coldwater, 15 50. *Saginaw*—West Bay City, 5 24.
- MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—Minneapolis Western, 30 16. *Winoona*—Fremont, 3 41, sab-sch., 2 65.
- MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Appleton City 1st, 2 90; Westfield, 2 25. *Palmyra*—Hannibal, 10. *Platte*—Union sab-sch., 4; King City, 1; St. Joseph North, 1. *St. Louis*—Zoar 5; Emanuel, 5.
- NEBRASKA.—*Kearney*—Hastings 1st, 13. *Nebraska City*—Brownsville, 9 25; Meridian, 4 50.
- NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton, 1 85. *Jersey City*—Paterson 1st, 34. *Monmouth*—Farmingdale, 2 37. *Morris and Orange*—Orange 2d, 46 75; East Orange, 3 50; Madison, 41 19; Madison, 3 61. *Newark*—Newark Wickliffe, 9; Newark 1st, 44. *New Brunswick*—Trenton 5th, 1 30; Milford, 10.
- NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Scotchtown, 68 cts.; Haverstraw 1st, 4 76; Goodwill, 3 36; Liberty, 28 cts. *New York*—Harlem, 17 45; New York 13th St., 65 71. *North River*—Pleasant Plains, 5 70; Hughsonville, 2 70. *Westchester*—Southeast Central, 4.
- PACIFIC.—*San José*—San José, 90.
- PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Phoenixville, 4 81. *Lackawanna*—Scranton 1st, 61; Barclay sab-sch., 2; Rushville, 3; Stevensville, 2; Terrytown, 4. *Lehigh*—Jamestown sab-sch., 11 cts.; Summit Hill sab-sch., 17 cts.; Summit Hill, 65 cts. *Philadelphia*—Frankford, 5. *Philadelphia Central*—North Broad Street, 173 25; Cocksink sab-sch., 11 50; Corinthian Ave., Ger., 2; Keusington 1st, 30 24; Spring Garden, 20 46. *Philadelphia North*—Germantown 2d, 69 66; Manayunk, 15.
- PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Congruity, 10 51; Parnassus, 18 15; Penn Station, 1 15. *Pittsburgh*—Bellefield, 52; Riverdale, 2; Bridgeville, 10 50; Miller's Run, 3 74; East Liberty, 53; Sharon, 6 09; Birmingham, 8 43; Pittsburgh Central, add'l, 20; Oakdale, 17 09; Pittsburgh 3d, 208 22; Canonsburg, 11 80; Shady Side, 25 10. *Redstone*—Dunlap's Creek, 19 10; New Providence, 15; Jefferson, 3; Little Redstone, 3; *Washington*—Moundsville, 3 19; Upper Buffalo, 28 80; Wheeling 3d, 8. *West Virginia*—Grafton, 5.
- TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Marysville 2d, 2; New Providence, 4 62; Mars Hill, 1; Madisonville, 3.
- TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Spring Hills, 56 cts.; Bucyrus, 40 cts.; Bellefontaine, 1 09. *Huron*—Huron, 3. *Maumee*—West Bethesda, 10.
- WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Westfield, 35 40; Silver Creek, 23. *Genesee*—Corfu, 10. *Rochester*—Dansville, 13 51; Rochester Memorial, 3; Lima, 91 cts.
- WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Baldwin, 5; Neshannock, 4 83; Hudson 1st, 4. *Lake Superior*—Oconto, 2. *Milwaukee*—Beloit 1st, 23; Stonebank, 4 75. *Wisconsin River*—Hazel Green, Ger., 1 50; Platteville, Ger., 1 50; Kilbourne City, 7 20.

CLOTHING.

One box from ladies of Bellefield Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa., for Scotia Seminary, 70.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Father and daughter, Frazesburg, O., 10; J. F. Roe, Honesdale, Pa., 5; F. Seymour, Fulton, N. Y., 6; M. Fannatt, Greenville, N. J., 1; a Friend, Philadelphia, Pa., 2; Mrs. H. B. Williams, Dryden, N. Y., 1; Rev. H. H. Welles, Kingston, Pa., 25; "C.", Conn., 3; Gen. E. B. Babbitt, Portland, Oregon, 10; "H. I. F.", 5.

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PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Rev. G. B. Black and church at El Paso, Ill., November 14, 1879.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. B. S. Foster to church at Springville, N. Y.

Rev. G. B. Black to church at Milan, Ill.

Rev. H. C. Hazen to church at Manlius, N. Y.

Rev. William Maenab to church at Silver Lake, Pa.

Rev. I. V. W. Schenck to Mariner's Church, Philada.

Rev. W. J. McKnight, D.D., to 1st Church, New Brunswick, N. J.

Rev. N. B. Knapp to church at Preble, Courtland Co., N. Y.

Rev. B. A. Williamson to church at Chilliscothe, Mo.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Mr. N. W. Thornton was ordained and installed pastor at West Liberty, Iowa, Oct. 10, 1879.

Mr. E. T. Swiggett was ordained and installed pastor at Morrow, Ohio, Cincinnati Presby., Dec. 11, 1879.

Rev. T. S. Scott was installed pastor of Westminster Church, Rockford, Ill., Dec. 4, 1879.

Rev. S. S. Wallen was installed pastor of Lick Run and Hublersburg Churches, Huntingdon Presby., Dec. 23, 1879.

Rev. I. V. W. Schenck was installed pastor of Mariner's Church, Philada., Jan. 13, 1880.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

Rev. J. R. Collier from Mason to Jackson, Ohio.

Rev. A. Seward, D.D., from Middletown, N. Y., to Red Bank, N. J.

Rev. E. T. Swiggett from Cincinnati to Morrow, Ohio.

Rev. S. M. Glenn from Sandy Lake to Clintonville, Pa.

Rev. John Montgomery from Princeton to Mount Vernon, Ind.

Rev. James E. Vance from North Springfield to Hudson, Ohio.

The address of Rev. Alex. Thompson is Hamburg, Iowa.

Rev. J. P. Barbor from Clintonville to Dillsburg, Pa.

Rev. G. B. Black from El Paso to Milan, Ill.

Rev. B. S. Foster from Nunda to Springville, N. Y.

Rev. John Branch from Marble Hill, Mo., to Plainview, Ill.

Rev. D. H. Green from Delaware to New Paris, Ohio.

Rev. H. C. Hazen from Spencer to Manlius, N. Y.

Rev. Wm. Campbell from Goodland to Rolling Prairie, Ind.

Rev. Wm. Maenab from Orwell to Silver Lake, Pa.

Rev. E. D. Weaver from Clifton to Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Rev. A. H. Hand, D.D., from Palisades, N. Y., to Easton, Pa.

Rev. L. E. Hanna from Bergen to Corfu, N. Y.

Rev. G. W. Burroughs from Slatington to 1528 Willington St., Philada.

Rev. J. H. Shields from Crestline, Ohio, to Carondelet, Mo.

Rev. H. M. Morey from South Bend to No. 339 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. S. V. McCorkle from Greeneville to Rogersville, Tenn.

Rev. E. Bos from Milwaukee to Baldwin, Wis.

Rev. A. Scotland from Williamstown, N. J., to Longmont, Col.

Rev. S. G. Fisher from Hudson, Wis., to Grand Ridge, Ill.

Rev. S. S. Wallen from Salem, N. J., to Walker, Centre Co., Pa.

Rev. E. P. Goodrich from Manchester to Ypsilanti, Mich.

Rev. L. P. Crawford from Farmer City to Bloomington, Ill.

Rev. Jas. Camcron from Mills Seminary to Oakland, Cal.

Rev. A. F. Hale from South Vallejo, Cal., to Tonawanda, N. Y.

Rev. G. W. Wood from Charlevoix, Mich., to Greenwood, Dakota Territory.

Rev. R. Hahn from Moulton, Iowa, to Iola, Kansas.

Rev. A. Ostram from San Luis Obispo to Carpenteria, Cal.

Rev. J. W. Knott from Mount Vernon to Anna, Union Co., Ill.

Rev. L. F. Brickels from Weyauwega to Auburndale, Wis.

Rev. B. A. Williamson from Mirabile to Chillicothe, Mo.

DEATHS.

Rev. Dillon Williams at Cleveland, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1879, in the 75th year of his age.

Rev. E. C. Wines, D.D., at Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10, 1879, aged 73 years.

Rev. P. H. Fowler, D.D., at Utica, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1879, in the 65th year of his age.

Rev. G. W. Coan, D.D., at Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1879.

Rev. Thos. Love at Hockessin, Del., Dec. 22, 1879, in the 84th year of his age.

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THIS Institution of our Church is doing an important and necessary work for the Freedmen and for Africa. It is furnishing Christian Leaders, Educators, and thoroughly trained Ministers of the Gospel. Its Theological Instruction is, by its charter, under the control of the General Assembly. The following resolution was presented and adopted at the recent meeting in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. :—

“RESOLVED, That the Theological Department of Lincoln University should be strengthened by the full endowment of the chair of Hebrew and Sacred Literature, and by the partial endowment of the chair of Sacred Geography and Hebrew Archaeology, for both of which efforts are now making by the Trustees.”

There are *nine* classes—two Preparatory, four Academic, and three Theological—taught by the President, I. N. Rendall, D.D., and five Professors. The number of students this year is *one hundred and thirteen*, more than half of whom are candidates for the ministry. The Freshman class in College numbers *thirty-three*. The public buildings will accommodate *two hundred* students. A large number of approved and talented young men, without means of support in study, are waiting to enter. Its invested funds provide quite inadequately for four Professors, and for about a dozen students. Hon. W. E. Dodge, one of the Trustees, says, “We ought to be able to send out not less than *fifty*, and, after a little, a class of *one hundred*, every year. Why should we not have a *thousand* students then? Its history, which covers the 22 years past, is a marvellous record of healthy growth in poverty and neglect. With sufficient means, and good care from the friends of the Negro, how much more might be done! It has matriculated over *five hundred* students. It has graduated *one hundred and thirty*. *Sixty-four* are ordained ministers of evangelical churches, a few of whom are settled in the Northern States, several in the Foreign Field, but chiefly in the South.

Dr. I. Prime, editor of the *New York Observer*, says, “If good and benevolent men have *thousands* to bestow, here is the place for their thousands. If they have *hundreds* (or *tens*, even), let them give to educate these colored young men. It is a prudent investment. It will return profits to the giver fourfold. The hour now is to do something great, noble, and permanent for the colored people.”

Full information will be furnished, and contributions received, by

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BEQUESTS.

In the preparation of Wills, when it is desired to make Bequests to the General Assembly, or any of its Boards or Permanent Committees, care should be taken to insert the Corporate Name, as known and recognized in the Courts of Law. Bequests for the

General Assembly should be made to “The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.”

Board of Home Missions,—to “The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated April 19th, 1872, by Act of the Legislature of the State of New York.”

Board of Foreign Missions,—to “The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.”

Board of Church Erection,—to “The Board of Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated May 5th, 1871, by the Legislature of the State of New York.”

Board of Publication,—to “The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication.”

Board of Education,—to “The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.”

Board of Relief,—to “The Presbyterian Board of Relief for Disabled Ministers and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers.”

The Committee on Freedmen is not incorporated. Bequests for their Treasury may be made to “The Trustees of the General Assembly,” as above, “For the use of the Presbyterian Committee of Missions for Freedmen.”

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